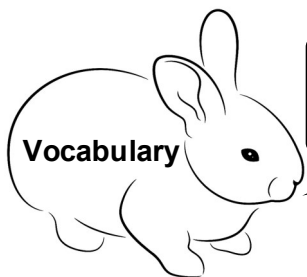


# JMRL Winter Reading Activity Sheet

February 1 to March 2  
Birth to Age 5

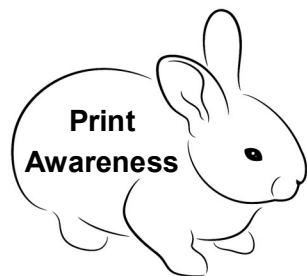
As you complete the activities, color the bunnies. Once all 11 are filled in, take the activity sheet to one of the libraries listed below and choose a free book for your home library.



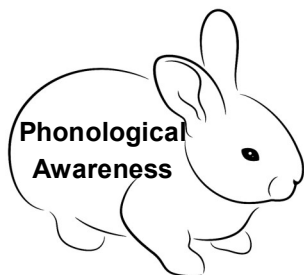
Read a book and point to the pictures. Name each picture.



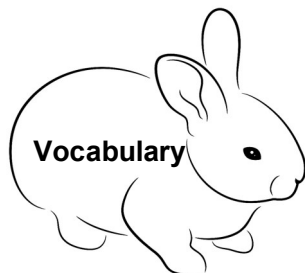
Have your child make predictions about what will happen next as you read a story. For infants, say, "I wonder what will happen next?" and give suggestions.



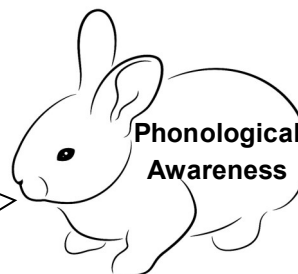
Let your child play with different types of books and magazines and point to the pictures or words.



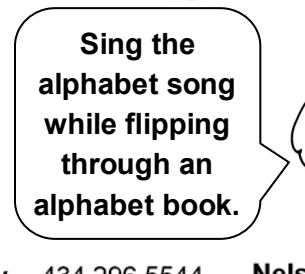
Recite or sing a nursery rhyme and add some actions.



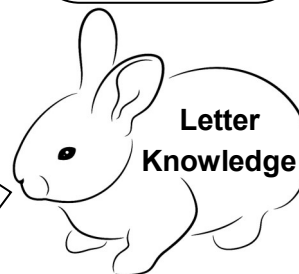
Read a rhyming book and emphasize the rhyming words.



Check out a different kind of book than usual and talk about the pictures.



Sing the alphabet song while flipping through an alphabet book.

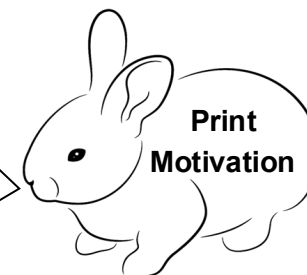


Letter Knowledge

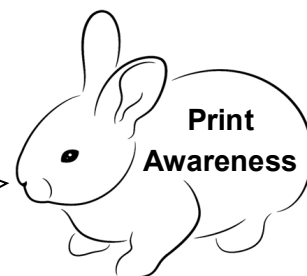
After reading a book, have your child act out the story. For infants, retell the story for them using 3 or 4 sentences.



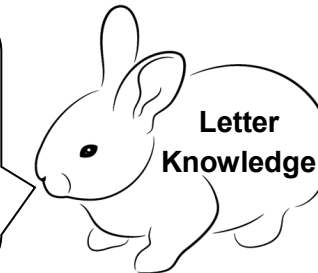
Read a book before bedtime or naptime.



Let your child hold a book as you read. Allow the child to turn the pages.



Declare a letter of the day and point out things you see throughout the day that start with that letter.



Bookmobile 434.973.7893  
Central Library 434.979.7151  
Crozet Library 434.823.4050

Gordon Avenue Library 434.296.5544  
Greene County Library 434.985.5227  
Louisa County Library 540.894.5853

Nelson Memorial Library 434.263.5904  
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## Early Literacy Skills:

**Vocabulary:** I know words.

**Narrative Skills:** I tell stories.

**Print Motivation:** I love books.

**Print Awareness:** I see words.

**Phonological Awareness:** I hear sounds.

**Letter Knowledge:** I know my ABCs.

## Build The Skills

**Talk:** Talking is how children learn spoken language. They start learning at birth.

**Sing:** Singing – and rhyming – help children hear the smaller sounds in words.

**Read:** Reading is the single most important thing you can do to prepare a new reader.

**Write:** Writing – and drawing – let children represent ideas and words. It begins with scribbling.

**Play:** Playing is how children discover, explore and understand the world and their place in it.

**DayByDayVA**  
FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR



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