

# 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Level 5, 401-500

## SING

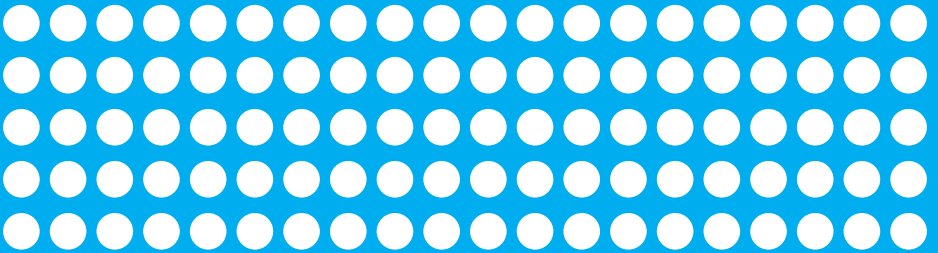
Songs are a wonderful way for children to learn about language. Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. This helps children when they begin to read printed language. Sing songs and play music for your child. The library carries music for children as well as books that have lyrics to traditional songs.



### Books That Support Singing:

- Rhyming books
- Books with animal sounds
- Nursery rhymes
- Books that can be sung

Please fill in a bubble for every book read.



You have just read 500 books! Return this sheet to the library for your sticker and to begin the next level.

# Fun Activities to Try at Home

**Garage Band.** Make music with things you have in the house like pots, pans, spoons, boxes or cups. Crawl around on the floor with your child to the beat of the music.

**Tap to the beat.** When you sing, clap or tap along, you're helping your child hear that words have smaller parts. This will help your child later when they are learning to read.

**Quiet songs for bedtime.** Sing the same quiet song at bedtime. Repetition and routine is good for young children, and they will know it's time for sleep.

**Learn new words through music.** Help your child build their vocabulary with songs. Sing a song you remember learning as a child. A song that was special to you can become special to your child too!

**Dance Party!** Throw a family dance party with kids' music that includes instructional songs, like the "Hokey Pokey" and "Shake Your Sillies Out." This helps build listening and comprehension skills.

**On the Go Tip:** Make a silly song to a favorite tune or ask your child to fill in the blank. "Row, row, row, your \_\_\_\_\_"  
or "The itsy, bitsy, \_\_\_\_\_" can become super silly with a little imagination.

## My 5 Favorite Books:

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