

**Talk, Read, Sing Resources**  
**Your First 5 Neighborhoods for Learning**

Snuggle Up and Read Reading Buddies, Little Bilingual Readers Family Book Nights, Read with Me Mother-Father Read Raising a Reader Play & Learn Together...

These are just a few of the high-quality early literacy programs offered through the 11 First 5 Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs) at their preschools, infant and toddler programs, family resource centers and community sites. Call your local NfL, visit [www.first5ventura.org](http://www.first5ventura.org) or call 2-1-1 to learn about First 5 programs near you.

**Conejo Valley NfL**  
 (805) 494-8100

**Moorpark/  
 Simi Valley NfL**  
 (805) 552-1944

**Oak Park NfL**  
 (818) 707-7742

**Ocean View NfL**  
 (805) 488-5277

**Ojai Valley NfL**  
 (805) 640-4300, x1062

**Oxnard NfL**  
 (805) 385-1501, x2321

**Pleasant Valley NfL**  
 (805) 388-0369

**Port Hueneme/  
 So. Oxnard NfL**  
 (805) 271-4688

**Rio NfL**  
 (805) 981-2892

**Santa Clara Valley  
 NfL**  
 (805) 933-9800

**Ventura NfL**  
 (805) 641-5000, x1032

**Because the first 5 years  
 impact a lifetime!**

**First 5 Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs)** provide children and families with high-quality, local resources that are tailored to each community. So if you're looking for parent-child classes, preschools, family centers, early learning activities, parent education, or even access to health, dental or developmental check-ups, make sure to connect with your local NfL.



**Talk, Read, Sing Resources**  
**Your Local Public Libraries**

With more than 30 free storytimes each week and thousands of family books, tapes, magazines and videos to borrow, your local public libraries are an amazing resource for every family. Call or visit the public library near you.

**Camarillo**

Camarillo Public Library  
 4101 Las Posas Rd.  
 Camarillo, CA 93010  
 (805) 388-5222  
<http://librarycatalog.info>

**Conejo Valley**

Grant R. Brimhall Library  
 1401 East Janss Rd.  
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
 (805) 449-2660  
[www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library)

Newbury Park Branch Library  
 2331 Borchard Rd.  
 Newbury Park, CA 91320  
 (805) 498-2139  
[www.toaks.org/library](http://www.toaks.org/library)

Oak Park Library  
 899 North Kanan Road  
 Oak Park, CA 91377  
 (818) 889-2239  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

**Moorpark/Simi Valley**

Moorpark City Library  
 699 Moorpark Ave.  
 Moorpark, CA 93021  
 (805) 517-6370  
[www.moorparklibrary.org](http://www.moorparklibrary.org)

Simi Valley Public Library  
 2969 Tapo Canyon Rd.  
 Simi Valley, CA 93063  
 (805) 526-1735  
[www.simivalleylibrary.org](http://www.simivalleylibrary.org)

**Ojai Valley**

Meiners Oaks Library  
 114 North Padre Juan Ave.  
 Ojai, CA 93023  
 (805) 646-4804  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

Oak View Library  
 555 Mahoney Ave.  
 Oak View, CA 93022  
 (805) 649-1523  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

Ojai Library  
 111 East Ojai Ave.  
 Ojai, CA 93023  
 (805) 646-1639  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

**Oxnard**

Downtown Main Library  
 251 South A St.  
 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 (805) 385-7507  
[www.oxnardlibrary.net](http://www.oxnardlibrary.net)

South Oxnard Branch Library  
 4300 Saviers Rd.  
 Oxnard, CA 93033  
 (805) 385-8129  
[www.oxnardlibrary.net](http://www.oxnardlibrary.net)

Colonia Branch Library  
 1500 Camino del Sol #26  
 Oxnard, CA 93030  
 (805) 385-8108  
[www.oxnardlibrary.net](http://www.oxnardlibrary.net)

Albert H. Soliz Library (El Rio)  
 2820 Jourdan St.  
 Oxnard, CA 93036  
 (805) 485-4515  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

**Port Hueneme**

Ray D. Prueter Library  
 510 Park Ave.  
 Port Hueneme, CA 93041  
 (805) 486-5460  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

**Santa Clara Valley**

Blanchard Community Library  
 119 North 8th St.  
 Santa Paula, CA 93060  
 (805) 525-3615  
[www.blanchardlibrary.org](http://www.blanchardlibrary.org)

Fillmore Library  
 502 2nd St.  
 Fillmore, CA 93015  
 (805) 524-3355  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

Piru Library  
 3811 Center St.  
 Piru, CA 93040  
 (805) 521-1753  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

**Ventura**

Avenue Library  
 606 North Ventura Ave.  
 Ventura, CA 93001  
 (805) 643-6393  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

E.P. Foster Library  
 651 East Main St.  
 Ventura, CA 93001  
 (805) 648-2716  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

Saticoy Library  
 1292 Los Angeles Ave.  
 Ventura, CA 93004  
 (805) 671-5148  
[www.vencolibrary.org](http://www.vencolibrary.org)

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 Ventura County's Facebook Page. Like us!**

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Because  
 that's  
 how  
 young  
 children  
 learn!



**Help Build Skills  
 for Life!**

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- Bonding
- Creativity
- Self-Esteem
- Intelligence
- Imagination
- Language
- Curiosity
- Attention
- Love of Learning
- School Success
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# Baby

## Talk, Read & Sing: Tips & Tools

- Read aloud, sing or tell stories every day. When you cuddle up with a book, your child learns to connect books with comforting feelings.
- Talk to your baby. Babies learn words when they hear you speak, sing, and read.
- Make bath time reading time, and give your child waterproof books to hold or read to your baby as he plays in the tub.

## Great Books for Baby

- Babies like books with contrasting colors and simple pictures. Black and white pictures are recommended for newborns.
- Choose chunky board books with sturdy pages that hold up to sucking and grabbing. Others squeak or make music. Appeal to all of your baby's senses.

## Fun Ideas for Together Time

- Check out song and nursery rhyme books at the library.
- It's never too early to start a home library. Bookstores, yard sales, and flea markets sell books that children will treasure for years.

Tape record your baby's favorite stories or songs and play at bedtime or on car trips.

# Toddler

## Talk, Read & Sing: Tips & Tools

- Let your child help you read a book. The pictures will help your child remember what happens next.
- Wherever you go, point to things and say their names. Help your toddler to connect the things she sees with the words her or she hears.
- Use finger puppets or costumes as you read aloud to make favorite characters come to life.

## Great Books for Toddlers

- Choose books with simple plots that children can follow.
- Read aloud books about everyday experiences. Don't be surprised if your toddler wants to hear the same story over and over. Children learn through repetition.
- Try books with characters the same age or slightly older than your child. Playful animals will also hold their attention.

## Fun Ideas for Together Time

- Take a field trip to the zoo or park and talk about what you see.
- Find books about the places you visit.
- Make a photo album to help tell stories about your family or culture.
- Enjoy silly stories and songs together.

# Preschooler

## Talk, Read & Sing: Tips & Tools

- Talk about the book as you read. Ask your child to describe pictures, answer questions, repeat phrases and predict what will happen next.
- Take books everywhere you go (the car, bus, doctor's office), and make the most of every minute.
- Don't worry if your child can't sit for an entire story. Some children listen better while drawing or playing with a toy.

## Great Books for Preschoolers

- ABC and counting books help preschoolers explore letters and numbers.
- Choose nonfiction books about things your child likes, such as animals, dinosaurs, or insects.
- Pick stories with one or two sentences per page. As your child's skills increase, introduce longer stories.

## Fun Ideas for Together Time

- Tell a story. This will help your child learn new words, use his imagination, and think about what comes next—all skills that your child will need for reading.
- Have fun introducing the letters of the alphabet, starting with the ones in your child's own name. Make letter-learning fun.