



## REACH OUT AND READ WISCONSIN

### WHAT CHILDREN LIKE IN BOOKS

Here is a simple guide to the kinds of books most suitable for children at different ages.

#### **INFANTS (6-12 months)**

- Board books with photos of babies
- Sturdy, brightly-colored board books to touch and taste
- Books with pictures of things they see every day – balls, bottles, chairs, dogs
- Small books sized for small hands

#### **YOUNGER TODDLERS (12-24 months)**

- Sturdy board books they can handle and carry
- Books that show children doing familiar things – sleeping, eating, playing
- Goodnight books for bedtime
- Books about saying goodbye and hello
- Books with only a few words on the page
- Books with simple rhymes or predictable text

#### **OLDER TODDLERS (24-36 months)**

- Books with pictures and names of many different things
- Books with board pages – but also books with paper pages
- Silly books and funny books
- Books with rhyme and rhythm, and repeated text they can learn by heart
- Books about children and families
- Books about food, animals, trucks, and other favorite objects

#### **PRESCHOOLERS (3-5 years)**

- Books that tell stories
- Books about kids who look like and live like them – and also books about different places and different ways of living
- Books about going to school or daycare
- Books about making friends
- Books with simple text they can memorize
- Counting books, alphabet books, search and find books