

Johnson County Library's

# BOOKS TO GROW

Kit theme: ABCs II

- Book titles included:
  1. **LMNO Peas** by Keith Baker
  2. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin
  3. **Sleepy Little Alphabet** by Judy Sierra
  4. **alphabeasties and other amazing types** by Sharon Werner and Sarah Forss
  5. **Creature ABC** by Andrew Zuckerman
- DVD: **Here Come the ABCs** with They Might Be Giants
- CD: **Alphabet Parade**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

**M is for Mischief: an A to Z of Naughty Children** by Linda Ashman

**Let's Make Letters: ABC Kids** by Janice Behrens

**Discovering Nature's Alphabet** by Krystina Castella and Brian Boyl

**Bad Kitty** by Nick Bruel

**Alphabet From A to Y with Bonus Letter Z** by Steve Martin and Roz Chast

**Quilt Alphabet** by Lesa Cline-Ransome

**Click, Clack, Quackity-Clack** by Doreen Cronin

**Bouncing, Dancing, Galloping ABC** by Charlotte Doyle

**Turn-Around Upside-Down Alphabet Book** by Lisa Campbell Ernst

**Shape Capers** by Cathryn Falwell

**Alphabet Under Construction** by Denise Fleming

**Twenty-six Princesses** by Dave Horowitz

**Alphabatics** by Suse MacDonald

**Superhero ABC** by Bob McLeod

**An Edward Lear Alphabet** by Vladimir Radunsky

**Handmade Alphabet** by Laura Rankin



See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

*Have Fun With Books*

*Notice Print*

*Talk, Talk, Talk*

*Tell Stories*

*Look for Letters*

*Take Time to Rhyme*

## Activity Ideas - ABCs

**Talk about the shapes.** Children need to be very familiar with basic shapes before they can recognize letters. Try the *Shape* or *Shape & Size – Toddlers* Books to Grow kits.

**Match upper case and lower case letters.**

**Play “I Spy” with letters:** “I spy with my eye a word that starts with the sound \_\_\_\_.”

**Make Body Letters** Encourage children to use their bodies to create letters.

**Play Guess a letter:** Give clues about a letter and let children guess. “I am thinking of the letter that cat starts with.” “I am thinking of the letter after b in the alphabet.”

**Feel bag or box:** Put plastic letters in a bag or box and have children guess which one they are feeling.

**Masking Tape Letters on Floor:** Have children:

- Trace letter with their feet.
- Walk or crawl on them.
- Hop or jump on them
- Drive Toy cars on them.
- Paint w/ (paintless) paint roller.
- Roll them out with rolling pins.

**Talk** about the pictures in each of the books. Having a conversation about books is one of the best ways to develop Narrative Skills.

**Sing the ABC song.** (to the tune of  
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)  
ABC...XYZ  
Now I've said my ABCs  
Next time won't you sing with me

**Sing the ABC song in different ways.**  
Monster version  
Mouse version  
Opera version  
Silent version...