

talk

sing

read

write

play

Get your child ready to read with these five simple activities. Visit Boone County Public Library for books, information, and additional free resources!

**TALKING** Children learn about language by listening and joining in the conversation. Through talking, children increase their vocabulary. Take the time to talk with and listen to your child every day.

**SINGING** Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. Putting words to music helps children learn new words and recognize patterns.

**READING** Reading together remains the single most effective way to help children become better readers. Reading expands vocabulary and helps children understand the connection between letters and sounds.

**WRITING** Encourage your child to play with crayons and paper at an early age. Playing with toys and art supplies is the first step to developing fine motor skills.

**PLAYING** Playing is one of the main ways children learn about the world. Engaging them in playtime fosters learning, creates positive relationship and develops oral language skills.