Color an owl for every book you read!

Earn a prize for every 100 books read!
For prizes, call the library or email growingreaders@albanypubliclibrary.org

Staff initials ___________ Albany Public Library

Staff initials ___________ Albany Public Library
Singing silly nursery rhymes encourages your child’s imagination. Try this favorite:

**Hey Diddle Diddle**
Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,  
the cow jumped over the moon.  
The little dog laughed, to see such a sight,  
and the dish ran away with the spoon.

**Baby (0-12 months):** Picture books often provide a child’s first exposure to art. While reading, take time to talk about the pictures.

**Toddler (1-3 years):** Have crayons and paper on hand and encourage your child to draw. Scribbling improves hand-eye coordination, which helps later when children learn to write.

**Preschooler (3-5 years):** Ask open-ended questions about the art your child creates. Write captions on their drawings to help your child associate words with ideas.

**Books about Art and Imagination**

**Baby:**  
*Higher, Higher* by Leslie Patricelli

**Toddler:**  
*Harold and the Purple Crayon*  
by Crockett Johnson

**Preschooler:**  
*Where the Wild Things Are*  
by Maurice Sendak

Check out storytimes at all 7 of our locations!  
For more details, ask a librarian or pick up a program guide today.