

# BABY BOOK BEES INSTRUCTIONS



This year-long, early literacy program encourages Winona Area residents to read to and interact with their infants before they reach the age of one. The single most important activity you can do to help your child become a successful reader is to read aloud to him or her every day. You hold a very special place in their heart right from the start, and by sharing a love of reading with them from an early age, they will continue that love of learning and reading into their later years. Early literacy is a stepping stone towards future learning habits! This also creates a special way for parents and children to bond during the formative years. Each log contains not only shapes to fill in for books read, but also activities to help increase baby's early literacy and create lasting bonds between parent and child.

## How to Participate:

- Read with your child. Studies show that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create lifelong memories for the both of you!
- Keep track of how many books you've read by filling in the shapes on your log. Once you've read your 25 books for that log, you should also complete at least three of the five early literacy activities located at the bottom of your log.
- When your log is completed, bring it back to the Winona Public Library and receive your next log! Your child will receive a board book when you read 100 books! Once you've finished with Baby Book Bees, you can sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and get a headstart on school!

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q: Who can participate?

A: Winona Area residents with an infant who has not yet reached 1 year of age.

### Q: Does any book count?

A: Yes! Any complete book read to your child counts. In addition, it doesn't matter WHO does the reading to your child. It all counts! If a brother, sister, grandma, grandpa, babysitter, or even daycare provider reads to your child, it counts. If you read the same book multiple times, that counts—repetition is a wonderful form of learning! Main thing: it all counts!

### Q: What do I do when I finish my log?

A: Bring your log back to the Winona Public Library. You'll receive a new log every time you complete 25 books.