Tips, Tricks, and Did You Knows?

-Getting Ready to Read: Let your child see you reading. Show him some pictures, too. When you read a newspaper or magazine, read parts to your child. Smile as you read aloud.

-Baby: Even from birth your baby is learning the sounds of language. There are all kinds of songs for different situations: waking up, learning parts of the body, finding comfort, and listening to lullabies.

-Reading Activity for Baby: Play Pat-a-Cake with your baby. Use his name instead of the word baby like this: "Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake, baker's man, bake me a cake as faaaaaast as you can. Roll it and prick it and mark it with a 'B', and put it in the oven for *Name* and me!"

-Toddler Reading Activity: Songs are another way to tell a story. Songs give rhythm to language. Ask a librarian for a story that is also a song and have fun singing together.

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