

## Recommended Reads

### Great Summer Reads for Preschoolers

- Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Ehlert
- Hot Dog by Doug Salati
- My Bike by Byron Barton
- Summer Song by Kevin Henkes
- Color Dance by Ann Jonas
- Nursery Rhymes (any)
- The House in the Night by Susan Marie Swanson
- Sam and Dave Dig A Hole by Mac Barnett
- Life Size by Steve Jenkins
- Dreaming Up by Christy Hale
- Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall
- Our Pool by Lucy Ruth Cummins
- The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
- Cicada Symphony by Sue Fliess
- Fireworks by Matthew Burgess
- A Seed Grows by Antoinette Portis
- Hiking Day by Anne Rockwell

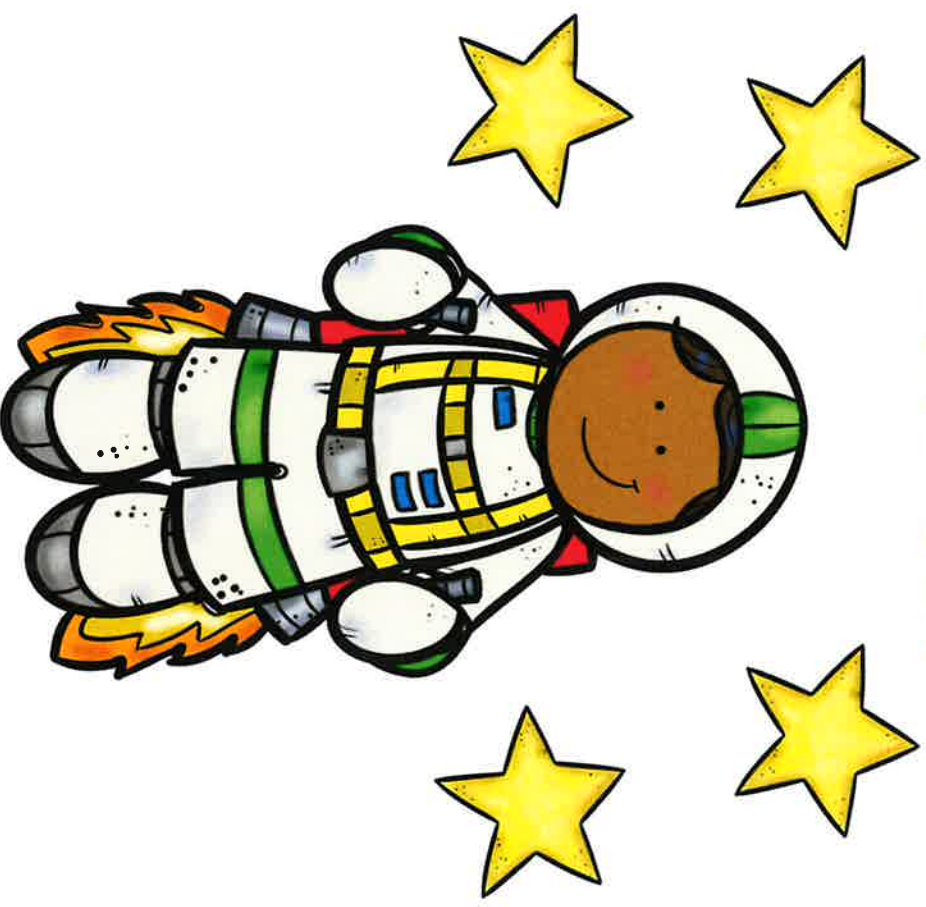
### Lexington Public Library

Visit one of the Lexington Public Library's six locations, to apply for a card, check out books, e-books, or e-audiobooks, attend events, and play in the play spaces! Visit [www.lexpublib.org](http://www.lexpublib.org)

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## Early Literacy Challenge

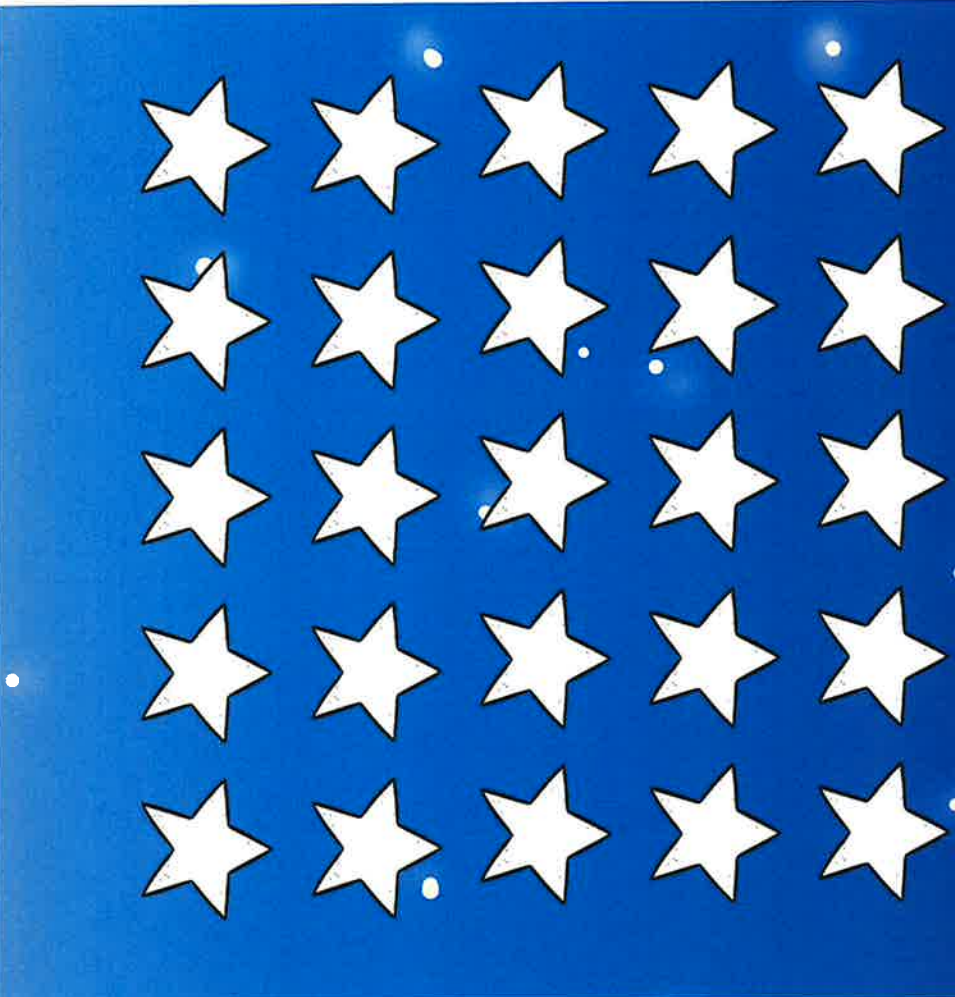
# Blast Off!



Hone your child's pre-reading & early literacy skills  
this summer with science-backed activities.

Return this booklet in August to share your hard work!

Color a star each time you read a book or complete a literacy activity.



Child's Name:

## Literacy Activity Ideas

Research shows honing these early literacy skills below greatly increases a child's reading success.

- Choose a word and brainstorm other words that rhyme with it. (Phonemic Awareness)
- Visit the library or bookstore to select books for your child and yourself. (Print Motivation)
- Have a your child make a pretend restaurant menu or grocery list, even if it is just scribbles. (Print Awareness)
- Allow your child to narrate a wordless picture book or create new words for an old favorite. (Narrative Skills)
- Go on a letter hunt! Ask your child to find and cut out letters from magazines from A-Z. (Letter Knowledge)
- Cook together and narrate the process using sequencing language: "First...then...next." (Narrative Skills)
- Staple paper together to make a book for your child. Show where the title, author's name, etc. should go. (Print Awareness)
- Read in a new place- at the park, in the car, or on a walk. (Print Motivation)
- Get tactile! Trace shapes or letters in sand or create them in playdough. (Letter Knowledge & Fine Motor Skills)
- Label items around your house using post-it notes. (Vocabulary)
- Try sound I-Spy. "Can you find something that starts with this sound?" (Phonemic Awareness)
- Visit Mother Goose and share nursery rhymes together. (Phonemic Awareness)

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