Consider Books for your Toddler which include:

- board books that are very sturdy
- large pictures that are easy to follow
- interactive books with flaps
- repeated words and sentences
- rhymes or songs
- sensory books with things to touch

Suggested books for toddlers:

- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell
- Freight Train by Donald Crews
- The Napping House by Audrey Wood
- Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley
- Gossie by Olivier Dunrea
- Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard
- Tails by Matthew Van Fleet
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

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Newfoundland & Labrador Public Libraries
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Visit your local library to find many more great books for your toddler!!
Early Literacy is a set of skills that children develop from birth that will help them learn to read and write.

You are developing your toddler’s early literacy skills when you are:
- playing with your toddler
- pointing and naming objects
- reading the same book over and over
- saying rhymes/fingerplays
- singing action songs
- talking about what is happening in pictures
- teaching new words
- using crayons and markers
- visiting the library

Early literacy is so much more than just letters and books!

Early Literacy Activities to explore:
- Giving your child choices whenever possible
- Playing with playdough
- Playing with puzzles
- Providing crayons, pencils and paper for toddlers to use
- Saying rhymes that use movements
- Singing songs with catchy tunes and simple rhymes that are easily remembered
- Talking about food on their plate at meal times
- Talking or singing while driving in the car
- Using descriptive words when they play: “You made a very tall tower”
- Walking around the house and naming things you see

What do Early Literacy Activities Promote?
- A love of books and learning!
- Adult/child bonding
- An increased attention span
- An understanding of sounds, letters, words and reading
- Concepts like colours, shapes, numbers, sizes and names of things
- Imagination
- Listening skills
- New words
- Rhyming
- Social interactions
- Thinking skills like problem solving, predicting, and putting things in order

Slow and Quick
Slowly, slowly, slowly creeps the garden snail.
Slowly, slowly, slowly up the garden trail.
Quickly, quickly, quickly runs the little mouse.
Quickly, quickly, quickly round about the house.
(Your toddler can move slow and fast as you say it)

Zoom Zoom Zoom!
Zoom, zoom, zoom, We’re going to the moon.
Zoom, zoom, zoom, We’ll be there very soon.
If you’d like to take a trip, climb aboard my rocket ship.
Zoom, zoom, zoom, We’re going to the moon in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...BLASTOFF!!!