

# Books & Babies at the Bozeman Public Library

## **Infant Speech Developmental Milestones** (Speech = talking)

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| 0-1 month   | reflexive cry, vegetative sounds (grunts, burps, etc.) |
| 1-4 months  | cooing   |
| 4-6 months  | marginal babbling                                      |
| 6-8 months  | vocal play, babbling (ga-ga-ga-ga and ba-ga-ma)        |
| 8-12 months | echolalia  |
| 9-12 months | jargon   |

## **Infant Language Developmental Milestones**

(Language = the words and methods of combining them used and understood by a community)

Birth to 5 months

- Reacts to loud sounds
- Turns head toward sound source
- Watches your face when you speak
- Vocalizes pleasure and displeasure
- Makes noise when talked to



6 to 11 months

- Understands “no”
- Babbles (starts with ma-ma-ma and then goo-ga-ba-dee)
- Tries to communicate by actions or gestures
- Tries to repeat your sounds
- Prefers people games

## **Warning signs**

- Failure to focus on sights and sounds by 2 months
- Failure to initiate joyful behavior by 4 months
- Failure to exchange smiles and sounds by 9 months
- Failure to respond to name by 12 months
- Failure to take parent’s hand to find toy, or point to objects, by 12-16 months

