Babies love books

BookStart is the start of the continuous reading line - starting young with reading via BookStart and carry on with reading via The Library in School (de Bibliotheek op school).

**Basis for continuous reading line**

- 0-4 years
- 4-12 years
- 12-18 years
- 16-20 years

**BookStart for Babies**

- All 137 libraries participate
- 74,500 BookStart cases were distributed in 2022
- All these babies (40% of the number of births) become member of the local library
- Activities for (grand)parents to promote reading aloud to babies and toddlers

**BookStart in Childcare Centers**

- The local library supports pedagogical staff in local childcare centers with collection and expertise
- Special attention to working with digital picture books

**BookStart Coaches**

- The local library supports the children’s healthcare centers
- They have special attention for language-poor families

Effects

- Enhanced reading environment at home
- Parents who participate in BookStart and read to their baby before they are eight months old have children who score higher on language
- BookStart-children with a difficult temperament still have higher language scores aged 5 to 6

**The Library in School**

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Visit boekstart.nl or download the BoekStart app for everything you need to know about reading to your child.