

Babies love books

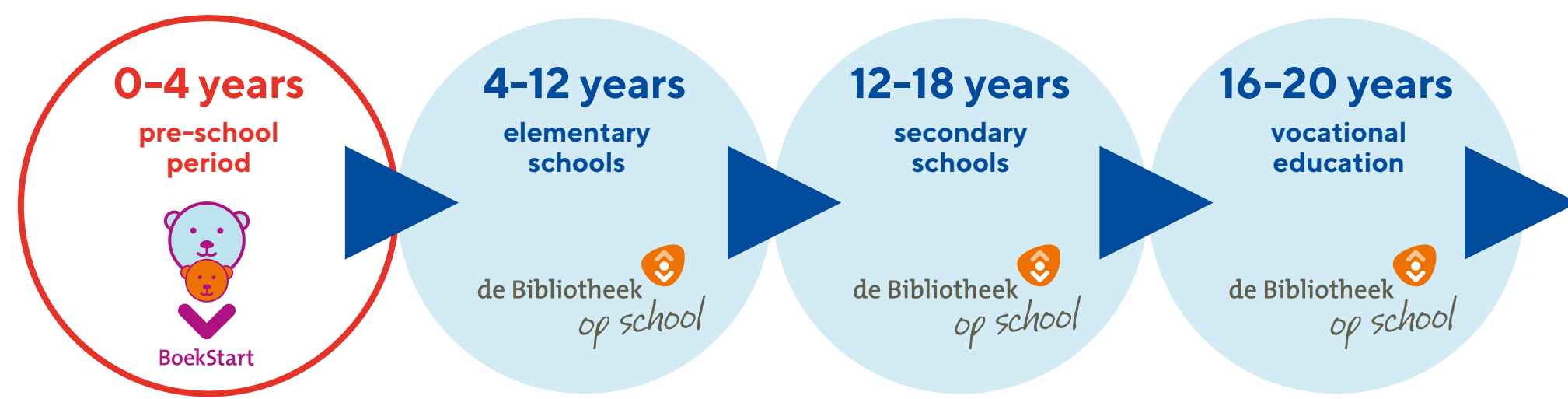
The Dutch BookStart



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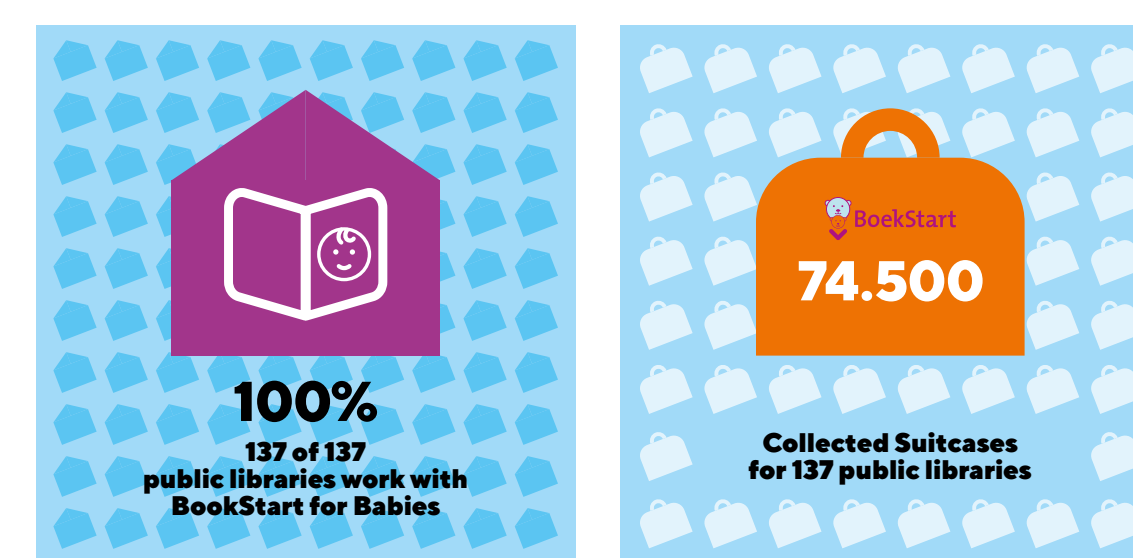
BookStart is the start of the continuous reading line - starting young with reading via BookStart and carry on with reading via The Library in School (de Bibliotheek op school).

Basis for continuous reading line



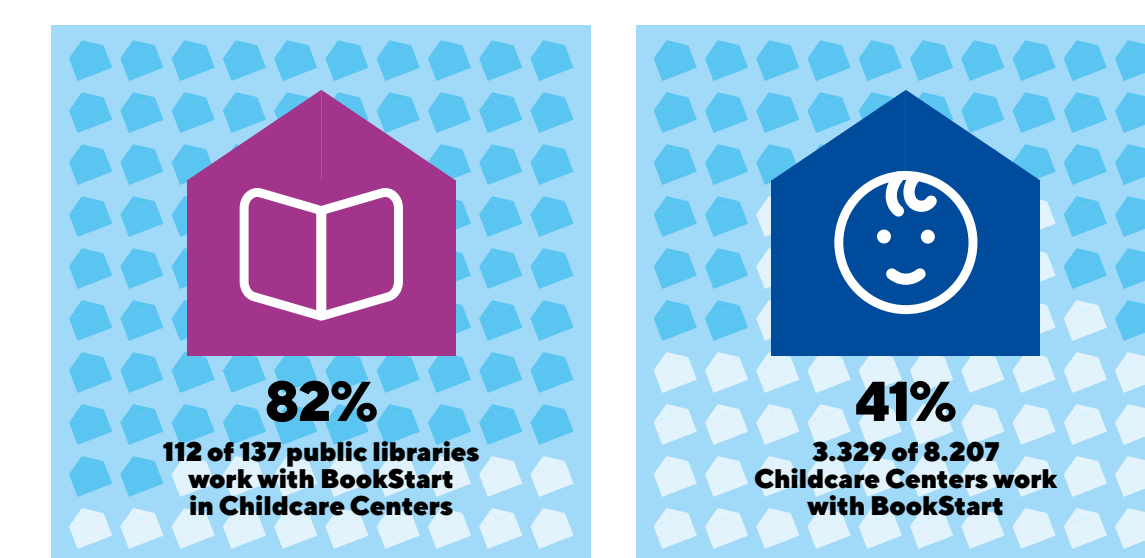
BookStart for Babies

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



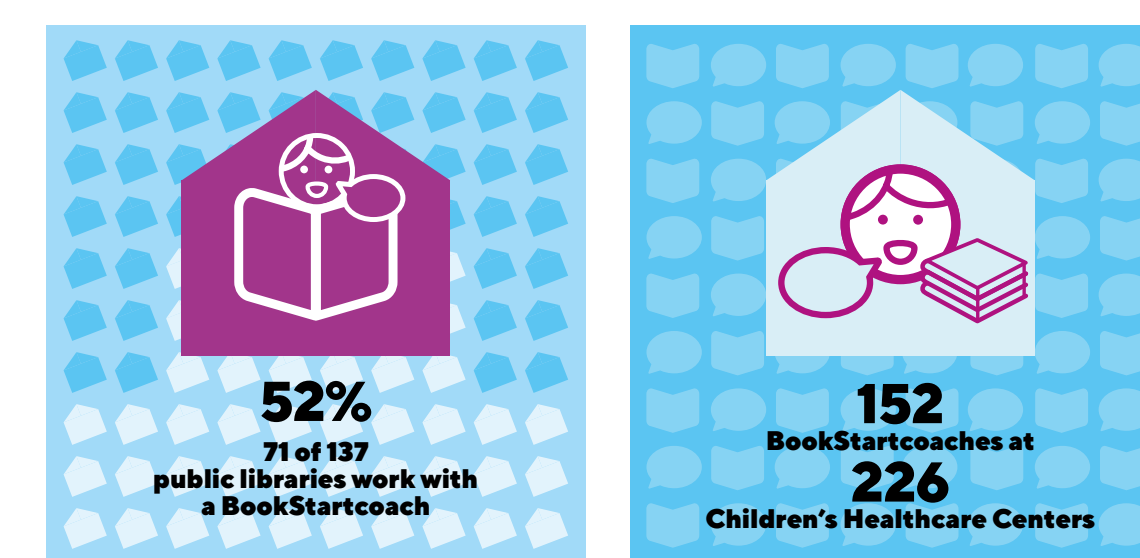
BookStart in Childcare Centers

- 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

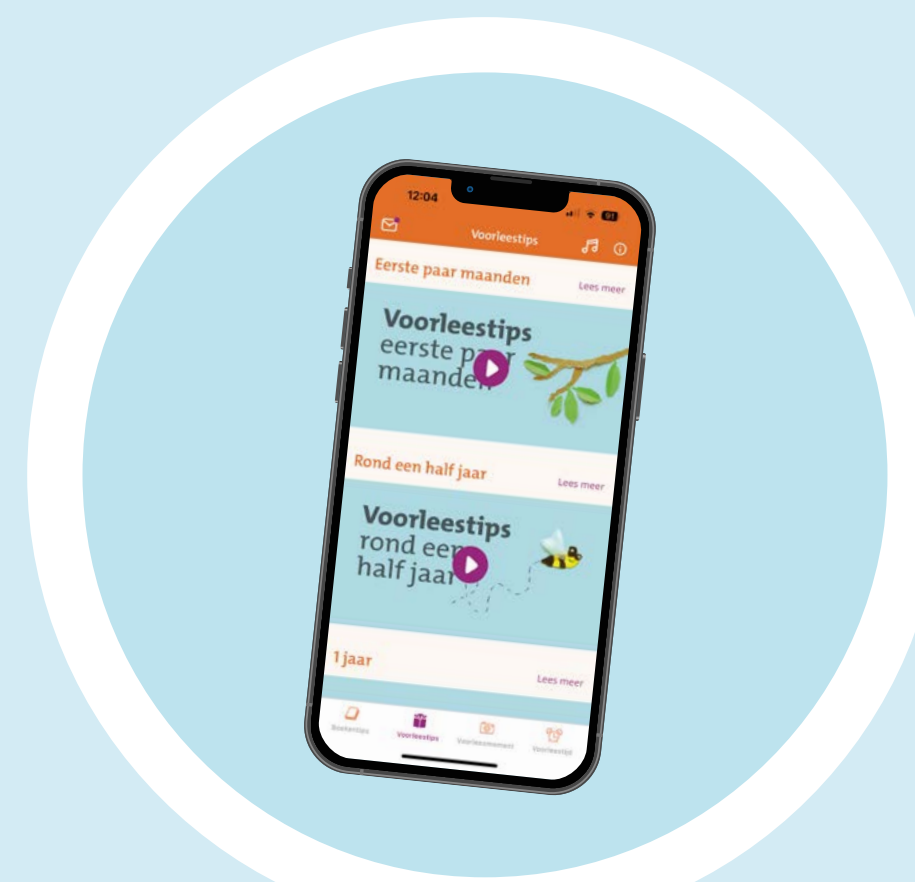
- Enhanced reading environment at home
- Parents who participate in BookStart and read to their baby before they are eight months old have children who score higher on language
- BookStart-children with a difficult temperament still have higher language scores aged 5 to 6



Reading aloud to young children in all different languages



Bookstart folder Babies love books



BookStart app

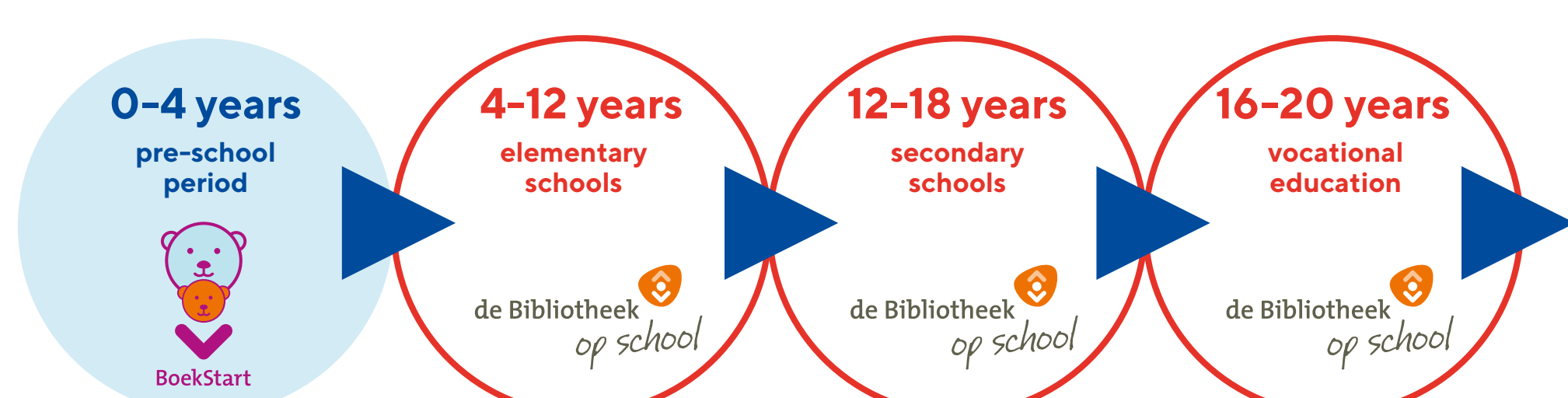


Digital magazine BookStart voor jou

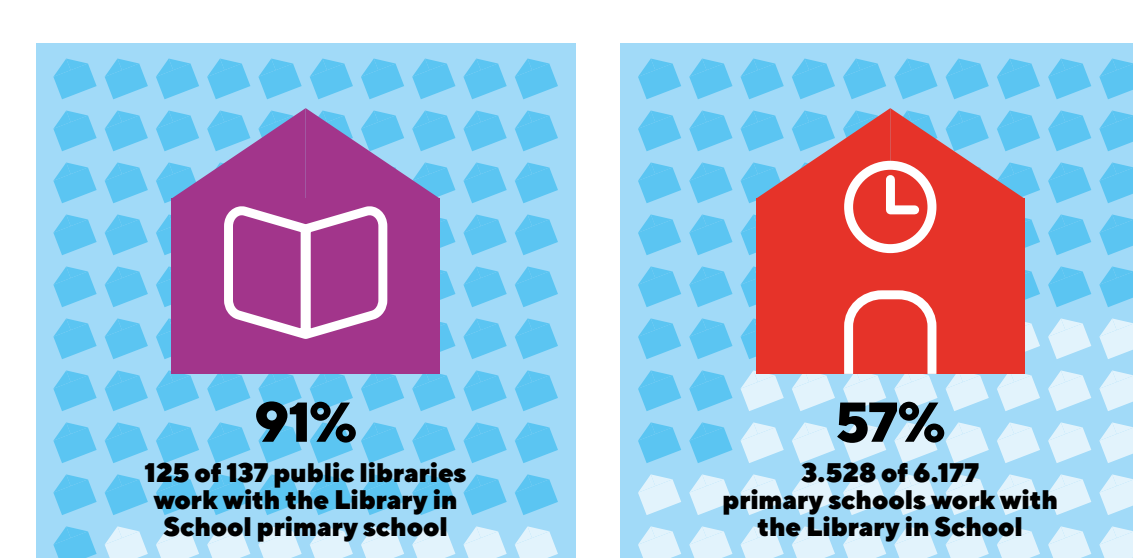
Visit boekstart.nl or download the BookStart app for everything you need to know about reading to your child



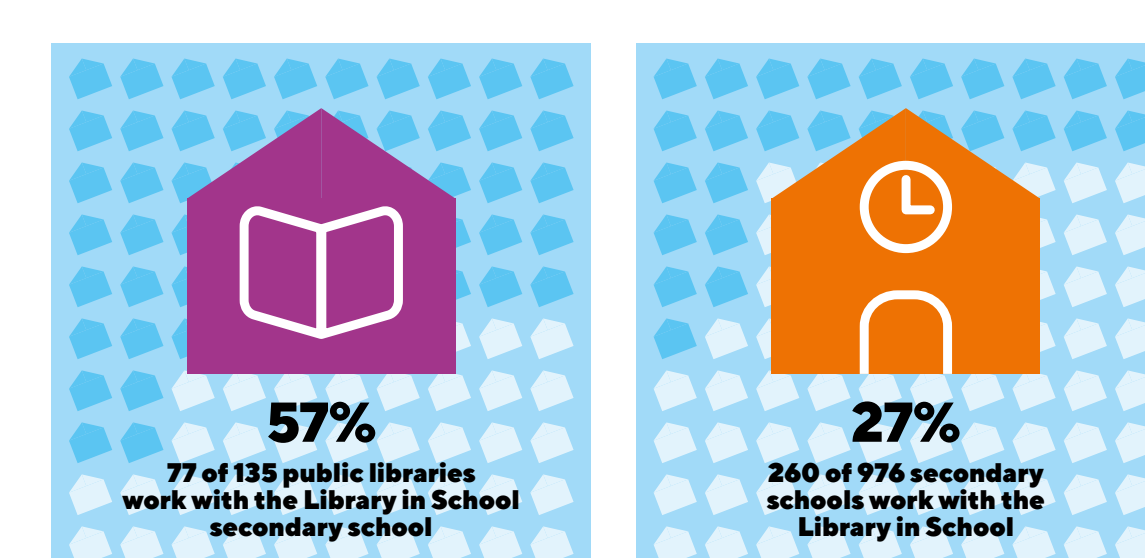
The Library in School



The Library in School Primary school



The Library in School Secondary school



BookStart is a member of the Global Network for Early Years Bookgifting. BookStart is a non-commercial reading promotion program, developed by The Dutch Reading Foundation (Stichting Lezen), in association with the KB, National Library. The public library sector implements the program. The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science finances the program.

