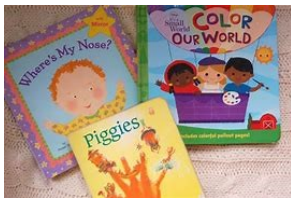


# June 19 & 20 (Fathers' Day Weekend) COLLECTION of BOARD BOOKS

**Your donation of a NEW Board Book (Ages Birth - 2 years) for Nurse-Family Partnership of Monroe County will help to foster Mother-Baby bonding and will help to nurture a lifelong love for books! Please place the Board Books in the baskets by the exits.**



Nurse-Family Partnership empowers first-time moms to transform their lives and create better futures for themselves and their babies. Over more than four decades, research consistently has proven that Nurse-Family Partnership succeeds at its most important goals: keeping children healthy and safe and improving the lives of moms and babies. Nurse-Family Partnership works by having specially trained nurses regularly visit young, first-time moms-to-be, starting early in the pregnancy and continuing through the child's second birthday. The expectant moms benefit by getting the care and support they need to have a healthy pregnancy. At the same time, new mothers develop a close relationship with a nurse who becomes a trusted resource they can rely on for advice on everything from safely caring for their child to taking steps to provide a stable, secure future for them both. Through the partnership, the nurse provides new moms with the confidence and the tools they need not only to assure a healthy start for their babies, but to envision a life of stability and opportunities for success for both mom and child.

## ~ How important are books in the early years?

*In the early years, books are no more or less important than any other part of wide ranging early years curriculum. For many they are a starting point, for others an inspiration and for some, a sanctuary.*

## ~ Benefits of reading to children include:

*Bonding (Reading provides a wonderful opportunity for mother & child to connect.),  
Listening skills, (Hearing a story read aloud involves some level of comprehension on a child's part.), Cognitive and language development, Expanded vocabulary,  
Attention span, Creativity, Life lessons, Social and emotional development*