

# Did you know...

Studies have shown:

*Children with low levels of literacy prior to school have difficulty catching up without extensive parental support later on.*

*Learning in the pre-school years impacts on later learning.*

*Singing songs and rhymes is a fun way to help improve your baby's language skills. Do this in the car, in the bath, at bedtime... even if it is off key. Your baby will love the rhythm of the words and be soothed by your voice.*

*Every word that you say, sing or read aloud with your newborn will help them to learn to talk one day.*

*Babies love to explore books by touching, looking, smelling, tasting and listening to the words read aloud.*

*They love to listen to stories told aloud with lots of repetition, rising dramatic action and comforting resolutions.*

*They also enjoy information books with photographs about objects in their world.*

*They learn to turn pages, look at the picture and join in well known stories.*

*They may ask to hear stories read again and again.*

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## Storytime

When: **Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11.00am—11.45am during school term**

Ages: **3-5**—limited to 25 participants

All craft material supplied.

Storytimes at Orange City Library are lots of fun.

We read and tell stories, sing songs, play games and do craft.

They are held during school term and cater for pre-school children and their carers. Storytime is free and each session lasts approximately one hour.

Tuesday's programme (books and craft) is repeated on Wednesday and Thursday. Bookings are essential for each session.



## Ten Minutes a Day

When: **8 weeks during school Term on Monday, 10.15am – 10.45am**

Ages: Suitable for babies **to 1 year old** — limited to 12 participants

Ten Minutes a Day is a series of workshops that you share with your child of 0-2 that will help you develop skills to enhance language development, develop pre-literacy skills, stimulate imagination, and make reading to your child part of your everyday routine.

Each workshop will include a range of activities including rhymes, songs and simple stories; as well as tips for parents on how to include these into their routines at home.

They are also about having fun with reading, rhymes and games!

Bookings are essential.



# How to make Storytimes fun for everyone

- Activities start promptly at the specified time. Late arrivals are distracting to other children, parents/carers and the storyteller. Please telephone and cancel if you cannot attend.
- It is a good idea to familiarize your child with the Library before bringing them to activities.
- Please ensure that mobiles are turned OFF or on silent.
- Please do not leave your child unattended at any time.
- If your child is restless, crying or being disruptive, please consider others and leave the Storytime area.
- Please do not talk when books are being read.
- Please join in when asked and encourage your child to participate as well.
- Younger children may need help with craft.

Thank you ....we really appreciate your efforts in making activities so successful

# 1,2, Books!



When: **Monday from 10.15am - 10.45am**

Ages: Suitable for toddlers aged **1-2**

Each Session includes rhymes, action songs, finger plays and stories.

An interactive way for parents and carers to introduce babies to the fun of sharing nursery rhymes, action songs and stories.

Bookings are essential for each session.

Sessions are lively and stimulating for both babies and parents.

# Music for Little Ears



When: **6 weeks each school term on Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am—10.20am**

Ages: **2-5**

Sessions initiate little ears to classical music, singing, percussion, dancing and musical games.

Bookings are essential for each session.

There is a limit of 20 to these sessions.

*Conducted by Samantha Bartholomeusz from the Orange Regional Conservatorium and funded by the Orange Regional Arts Foundation.*

