



Better Beginnings

Sharing a love of reading, rhymes, singing and talking with your baby is one of the best things you can do to give your baby a head start in life and at school.

The City of Melville Better Beginnings (BB) program offers a range of activities including:

- New parent information sessions on the importance of reading to your baby.
- Baby Rhyme Time and Storytime sessions.
- A range of books, rhymes and songs to share with your baby.
- Special parenting collections to assist you in learning about your growing baby, toddler or child.
- Helping you choose the right books for yourself and your baby.

Parents with new born babies can collect a free Better Beginnings reading kit from their nearest Melville library or from their Community Child Health Nurse.

The Better Beginnings free reading kit includes:

- A free gift board book for your baby from your local council.
- A nursery rhyme frieze and a BB poster.
- A list of first books for babies and toddlers.
- A brochure with tips for enjoying reading with your baby.
- Information about City of Melville Library activities and an enrolment form.

The Better Beginnings Family Literacy Program is delivered through public libraries throughout the state and aims to support parents as their child's first teacher.

Better Beginnings Family Literacy Program is coordinated by the State Library of WA and partially funded by Rio Tinto WA Future Fund.



Baby Rhyme Time

Baby Rhyme Time is a special session for babies aged from three to 24 months. It features a mix of songs, rhymes, activities and movements especially for parents and their babies. Baby Rhyme Time is lots of fun and introduces little ones to the joys of literature and language, and helps them to develop the skills they need to learn to read and communicate.

Sessions are held at:

A.H. Bracks Library

Thu 9.30am to 10.00am

Civic Square

Fri 9.30am to 10.00am



Storytime

Storytime, suitable for pre-school children from two to five years old, introduces young children to the inspirational world of books and reading. Held weekly at all City of Melville Libraries, Storytime is an opportunity for preschool children and their parents/carers to share the joys of literature, language, rhythm and rhyme, as well as assisting in the development of fine motor skills.

Each session consists of:

- a general theme
- songs and rhymes
- stories read aloud
- a simple craft activity for your child (they will sometimes need your assistance)

Sessions are held at:

Civic Square

Tue 10.30am to 11.00am

Thu 10.30am to 11.00am

Almondbury Road

Booragoon

Ph: 9364 0138

A.H.Bracks

Mon 10.30am to 11.00am

Wed 10.30am to 11.00am

Fri 10.30am to 11.00am

Cnr Stock Rd and

Canning Hwy, Melville

Ph: 9364 0115



Bull Creek

Mon 10.30am to 11.00am

Fri 10.00am to 11.00am

24 Leichhardt St

Bull Creek

Ph: 9364 0150

Willagee

Fri 10.30am to 11.00am

Winnacott St

Willagee

Ph: 9364 0170

Canning Bridge

Mon 10.30am to 11.00am

2 Kintail Rd

Applecross

Ph: 9364 0121



For more information of the Better Beginnings program contact your nearest City of Melville Library.

They'll know just what you're looking for!