

# Welcome

## Babies & young children



### Join in

Our activity sessions are a chance to meet others, learn rhymes and enjoy stories whilst having fun together.

**Baby Rhyme Time** – a lively activity for tiny babies to active toddlers and for you to join in too!

**Toddler Tales** – for young children to enjoy listening to, and joining in with, stories and rhymes.

**Weekend stories** – for all the family

**Stories with story sacks** – explore a different story each week using props and puppets (run in partnership with Children's Centres)

These activities are free; but we do welcome a voluntary donation of £1 per family.

### Join up

Children can join the library at any age and it's FREE! Borrow up to 30 books on a library card - that's plenty for three weeks of bedtime stories!

Apply online or visit any public library in Hertfordshire. You will need identification that shows your name and current address.

If you are a short-term foster carer or you or your child have additional needs please ask a member of staff about concessions.

Contact us and find out more about library services:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)  
Telephone 0300 123 4049 or download the Hertfordshire Libraries app.



## Enjoy

Babies and young children enjoy books. Sharing books, stories and rhymes with your child is a great way to have fun together.

Looking at books together will help your child learn to talk, listen and to grow their imagination.

A story at bedtime is a comforting way to settle down at the end of the day.



## Choose

In the library you will find a huge range of exciting stories to choose from including:

Board books to share with babies. The thick pages are also perfect for little toddler hands to hold.

Dual language picture books with words in English and various other languages.

Giant print picture books with Grade 2 Braille and enlarged pictures.

Stories to help your child understand new experiences.

Picture books, rhymes and stories for children as eBooks or audio books via the free eLibrary:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks)

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## Relax

Enjoy spending time in the library choosing and reading books.

Libraries are lively places so don't worry about your child making some noise.

All libraries are breast-feeding friendly.



Some libraries have public toilets with baby changing facilities.

There is no charge for lost or damaged books for under fives.

It's easy to renew items to avoid overdue charges.