

Early Bird, Early Literacy!

The Early Bird, Early Literacy program at the Port Macquarie Hastings Library is a literacy program for parents and their babies, 12 months and under.

The program is designed to give parents an opportunity to share and experience the love of reading with their baby. The program gives parents practical ideas on using stories, rhymes, songs and music to help babies develop early literacy skills.

Each session explores the use of board books, song, percussion instruments and other props, such as puppets, to share the literacy experience.



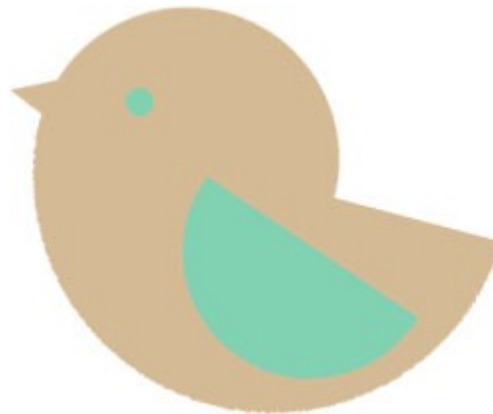
- The program runs for 2 weeks on consecutive Monday mornings, commencement time 10a.m.
- Each session runs for approx. 45 minutes.
- Sessions are followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet other parents.
- Bookings are limited per session and therefore parents are encouraged to take part in the Early Bird, Early Literacy program just once.
- The library also hosts Baby Bounce for babies under 12 months, Music for Toddlers for One year olds, Fun with Music for ages 2-3 and Storytime for pre-school age children.

For bookings and information regarding Early Bird, Early Literacy sessions contact the Port Macquarie Library by phoning 65818755

Early Literacy

By reading aloud to your children regularly, you are:

- Stimulating their imaginations
- Developing their understanding of how language works
- Reinforcing the value of reading
- Helping them discover the joys of reading
- Strengthening your relationship with your child
- Giving them a great start to their education



Early Bird, Early Literacy—It's the Early Bird that catches the Bookworm!

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For Bookings for 2018 please book online at :

<http://earlybirdprogram.eventbrite.com.au>
or call the Library on 65818755

Further Early Literacy information and additional resources are available at :

www.tenminutesaday.com.au

www.letsread.com.au



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How do I start?

There is no magic formula, no right way of reading and no special rules. A book, a quiet place, you and your child - it's all you need!

Try to make reading time a consistent event, at the same time or times each day and in a comfortable place.

It is never too early to start reading to your child. Babies love hearing stories.

Try to make your reading as expressive as possible. It really brings the characters and the story to life.

Your baby will enjoy books with large colourful pictures, short texts and rhyming texts.

Talk about the words and the pictures and what is happening in the story as you read.

Most importantly, make story time fun for you and your child. Enjoy the experience together.

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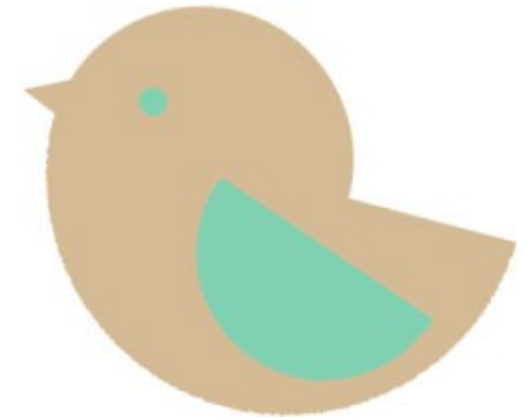
The Early Bird, Early Literacy program will be run at the Port Macquarie Library on Mondays at 10a.m on the following dates:

February 12th & 19th

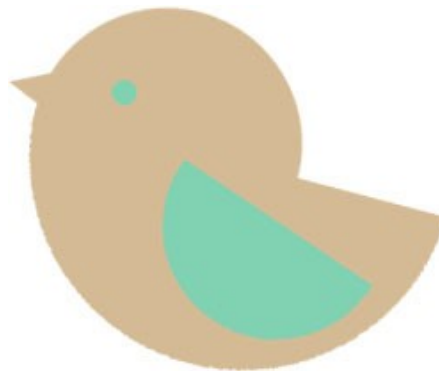
April 16th & 23rd

September 17th & 24th

November 12th & 19th



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