

Use your local library

Reading is an essential skill and libraries play a vital role in developing your child's love of reading. A library card provides access to a wide range of reading material and each library is arranged so that children can choose their own books. The service is free and up to nine books can be borrowed each time.

There is a wide range of free books available:

- picture books;
- stories in other languages;
- fact/information books.

The Libraries NI website www.librariesni.org.uk is a valuable source of information for all parents and carers. The website has the following information:

- Details about lots of free activities and events for young children and families.
- Rub-a-Dub Hub, a free online resource with tools, tips and fun activities to help parents and carers develop their child's communication and language skills.
- Recommended books for toddlers and young children to help with real life situations like visiting the doctor.

- Information about where to borrow or buy a copy of *Monkey See Monkey Do*, a Libraries NI book of rhymes with accompanying CD.
- eBooks and eMagazines are available for members to access through the website. Be a good role model and show your children how much you enjoy reading – it's infectious!

