

## Early Years Offer

- Free access to a fantastic selection of books and other material for pre-school children of all abilities, and their parents and carers
- No charge for any books lost or damaged that have been borrowed on a pre-school child's ticket. No library fines for children under five years old
- Free Bookstart packs of books and other reading support materials to every child in Kent aged 0 – 12 months, 18 – 30 months, and 36 – 48 months
- Bookstart Book Crawl for all children under five in Kent – reading challenge for younger children with special certificates to earn.
- National Bookstart Day events in every district – October 2009
- Regular Baby Bounce and Rhyme, Toddler Time and/or story sharing sessions for pre-school children and their parents/carers in all Districts throughout the year
- Book Ahead – extra books in libraries for all Early Years settings
- Library displays of Early Years settings artwork tying in with stories/books/reading (space permitting – depends on individual library buildings)
- Advice for parents/carers on which books to choose for young children, plus collections of books on parenting
- Specially chosen collections of lending stock for Children's Centres
- Support for Early Years Education/settings staff

For further information on any of the above please contact your local library or Karen Sillifant, Service Development Librarian (Early Years) on 01843 256211  
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