



Manchester

Share stories with your child every day from birth

Sharing a story with your child is a chance for you to relax and spend time together. It's also a great way for them to learn new words.

Babies and children will benefit if you read aloud to them, even when they have started to read themselves.

Reading with your child for just 10 minutes a day will make a difference.

Take a picture as you read with your child and share it with #ReadMCR

Join free storytime sessions at your local library to get some tips



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Here are some tips to make reading together a special time:

- Share books with rhyme, rhythm and repetition – hearing rhyming words will encourage them to join in
- Find the children’s section at your local library and talk to library staff who can recommend books for you and your child to share
- Sit where you can both see the story so you can talk about the pictures
- Read little and often – it’s best to switch off the TV and mobile phone if you can
- Read favourite books over and over again. This will help your child to remember the words and join in
- Point to the pictures and talk about them. Talking helps your child to become the storyteller. Try asking questions like: “What do you think happens next?”
- It’s nice to make links between stories and real life: “Do you remember when we saw a dog like that?”
- Let grandparents, brothers and sisters, and other adults join in with reading too

Let your child hold the book and turn the pages

Books with flaps to lift up and pages to feel are exciting to read

Want to find out more?

www.bookstart.org.uk includes games, stories and ideas for books to read together

www.wordsforlife.org.uk features tips and activities to support your child’s development

