

Stories and Books – Extra activities

It's always a great idea to get your child/ren interested in books from a very young age; try to spend time reading to them and showing them the pictures too. Use factual books as well as stories.

- 📖 Books with flaps are brilliant for helping young children to stay focussed.
- 📖 Stories with repetitive wording are great for enabling your child/ren to join in with the story.
- 📖 Ask them what they think the story might be about by looking at the pictures.
- 📖 Ask them what they think might happen next.
- 📖 Use different voices for different characters; for older children you could ask them what they think the voices should sound like.
- 📖 Listen to stories on CD - some give prompts for turning the page on the matching book
- 📖 Some stories are available online <http://www.magickeys.com/books/> which you will need to read or there are several read aloud on www.youtube.com
- 📖 Stories are available on the itunes app 'stories aloud'
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stories-aloud/id838853239?ls=1&mt=8>
- 📖 Remember to check your child/ren's book bag as they each bring home a new Humpty Dumpty library library book each week.

If you haven't already registered your child/ren at the **library** then why not go for a visit together. Your child can borrow (for free) up to 30 items at a time for up to 28 days.....so that's more than a book a day!!

Ringwood library opening hours are: Tues 9am-7pm; Wed – Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am -1pm

The library has a fabulous children's area with a vast range of books, including some on CD for all ages and abilities; they also offer (for free) '**Tots and Tinies**' (rhymes & songs) on Tuesdays at 2pm (term time) and '**Story time**' at 10.30am on Thursdays (term time).

Books can be expensive so why not have a look in the local **charity shops** in Ringwood – there are plenty to choose from and you can often **buy books for a few pence each**. Also on occasion the library sell off old stock at a very cheap price.

Why not have a go at **making a simple book** with your child/ren – perhaps it could be about them, their favourite character; favourite place or where they've been on holiday.

Dltk provide plenty of ideas too – just take care with American spellings!

<http://www.dltk-teach.com/books/> they also have a page full of mini books: <http://www.dltk-teach.com/minibooks/index.htm>