



Mother Goose Time

Welcome Everybody!
How Do You Do?

Mother Goose Time gives you, the parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers, the books, activities and information needed to help your little ones start their lives as readers. The books, songs and activities used in Mother Goose Time promote discovery and the love of language. Sharing these books and other language activities will create a special bond between you and your child. You'll see firsthand how your newborn baby enjoys being read to, and though your active toddler may not look like s/he's listening, you'll hear protest when the stories stop!

Recent research shows that children under three years of age who are sung to, played with, cuddled, and READ to are building bridges in their brains that will last a lifetime. Without lots of stimulation, these bridges are never made and future learning is affected. The stories and activities you discover here and what you repeat at home will assist in the development of the bridges in your children's brains. These bridges will lead your child to a love of language and the love of lifelong learning!

Basic Guidelines

- Everyone participates, especially the adults. Children take their cue from their caregivers so if the adults relax and enjoy the program, the children probably will too.
- Please put toys and food away. They distract your child and others. Bottles or other "not-to-be-parted with" items are ok, but should be used discreetly.
- The program room has been reserved for us so there will be time to share after the program. Let's get started when the children are fresh.
- Don't worry if your child roams a bit during the program. Babies are taking it in even if they are not sitting on your lap and watching us.
- If your child seems overwhelmed starts to cry, or in general "loses it" please feel free to step outside the room for a moment or try again next week.
- This program is intended to be small to allow for more interactions between the librarian and the group. It is also designed for one adult and one child to interact one-on-one, though two adults per child generally works fine. If you would like to bring a guest, please limit your invitation to one session and call the Harmony Library ahead of time at 204-8404.
- Relax! We don't expect your child to take part in all of our activities. The goal is to have FUN with rhymes, songs, books, and other language-building play!

This Is Special Library Time Just for You!