

Messy Play

Unleash the mess! Increase your child's confidence and develop their fine and gross motor skills by exploring fun, sensory and creative Messy Play.



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The first 5 years last a lifetime





FREE Library Membership

If you don't have a library membership, you can easily set one up online by following the link below.

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What Libraries have to offer families

- ★ Families are welcome in the library! Libraries aren't the silent, dull places they used to be.
- ★ We have air conditioning, children's areas, toys, activities, the library collection, free Wi-Fi, computers/laptops, Booyah Café at Thuringowa.
- ★ Library membership is free
- ★ Borrow up to 25 items per library card for up to 4 weeks
- ★ Browse books, DVD's, CD's, magazines, audiobooks and Library of Things.
- ★ Online access to e-books, e-audios and e-magazines via BorrowBox and Libby apps.
- ★ Library locations: Thuringowa, Aitkenvale and Flinders Street, plus mobile library truck

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STORYTIME on StoryBox Library

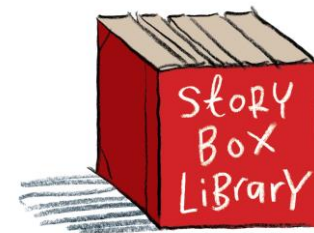


Use your free library membership to access StoryBox Library.

National Simultaneous Storytime is back for its 21st year! On May 19th 2021 (11am AEST), this book will be read simultaneously to over 1 million children across Australia and New Zealand. Better still, Give Me Some Space! will be read live... by an astronaut... from the International Space Station!

This month we recommend “Give me some space” by Peter Carnavas. Unadreams of a life in Space. Life on Earth is just so so-so. But how will she get there? And will she complete her mission to discover life in Space? And did she remember to feed Neil the goldfish?

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Library Early Literacy Programs



Join us for all your favourite First 5 Forever Programs!

Bookings essential. Visit whatson.townsville.qld.gov.au

Tuesday at Townsville Stadium, Annandale

- ★ Toddler Time - 9am – 9:50am
- ★ Baby Rhyme Time - 10:30am – 11:20am

Wednesday at CityLibraries Thuringowa

- ★ Baby Rhyme Time - 9am – 9:50am
- ★ Toddler Time - 10:30am – 11:20am

Thursday at CityLibraries Thuringowa

- ★ Storytime - 9am – 10am & 10:30am – 11:30am

Messy Play Take Home Packs

- ★ Once a month, locations vary. See our Townsville CityLibraries Facebook page or What's On for more information.

We have also created a wide range of online sessions for you to enjoy from the comfort of your home.

Visit: <https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/facilities-and-recreation/libraries/online-library-living>



Messy Play activities contain food items



The following Messy Play activities contain food items. Please see recipes for ingredient list.

Playdough

You will need:

- ★ 2 cups plain flour
- ★ 1 cup of salt
- ★ 4 tablespoons of cream of tartar (optional)
- ★ 2 tablespoons of cooking oil
- ★ Food colouring
- ★ 2 cups of boiling water

Method:

- ★ Put all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix. As soon as it starts to bond together and is hard to mix, take it out of the bowl throw it on a board and knead until it takes on the look and consistency of play dough. It will be hot when you take it out of the bowl so be careful.



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<p>5 If you haven't received a First5Forever toolkit (I'm a dirty Dinosaur book), ask our friendly staff today!</p>	<p>6 Visit the Library today! Toys are back in the Children's area at all library branches.</p>	<p>12 Music makes words easier to remember. Sing songs every day!</p>	<p>19 TODAY is National Simultaneous Storytime. At 11am watch an astronaut read a book from the International Space Station!</p>	<p>26 Talk about the pictures together in your story today.</p>	
	<p>6 Visit the Library today! Toys are back in the Children's area at all library branches.</p>	<p>13 Talk and have fun while you play together!</p>	<p>20 Suggested read: <i>Maisy's Bedtime</i> by Lucy Cousins</p>	<p>27 Read a book with the colour PINK today!</p>	
	<p>7 Go outside and find a plant - Talk about what plants need to live, water, sun, air and soil.</p>	<p>14 New connections are forming in your child's brain every second during their first few years of life</p>	<p>21 It does not matter how good your voice is, your little one will love the songs you sing.</p>	<p>28 LIKE the CityLibraries Townsville Facebook page</p> 	
<p>1 Become a library member today. It's free! JOIN ONLINE</p>	<p>8 Talk about what you are cooking for dinner with your child.</p> 	<p>15 Play Dress-Ups - Imaginative play supports and enhances speech development!</p>	<p>22 Ask a family member/friend to read a story to your child today!</p>	<p>29 Talk - Parents who just talk as they go about their daily activities expose their children to 1000-2000 words every hour.</p>	



read ★ any place, any time



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Monthly First 5 Forever Tip Calendar

- ★ Each month we create a calendar of early literacy tips, which is included in our e-newsletter.
- ★ To subscribe to our e-newsletter, visit: <https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/enews>

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<p>2 Repetition is a great way for your child to really remember and understand new vocabulary.</p> <p>9 Books aren't just for bedtime, take them everywhere. A great way to keep your little one happy as you are out and about.</p> <p>16 Check out our Library of Things! You can borrow telescopes, instruments, board games and more!</p> <p>23 Baby Rhyme Time, Toddler time and Storytime sessions are on at the stadium and library. Click to book.</p> <p>30 Suggested book – Boo to a Goose by Mem Fox</p>	<p>3 Watch a story on StoryBox Library</p>  <p>10 Collect a Messy Play take home pack TODAY at Thuringowa library from 9am until we run out</p> <p>17 When reading today point out the front, back, author and illustrator.</p> <p>24 Library AudioBooks, eAudios and CD's can be used in cars and will expose your child to lots of new words!</p> <p>31 Talk, play, sing and read together!</p>	<p>4 Parent Information session TODAY! Positive Parenting Program. Aitkenvale Library 9.30am. Bookings required.</p> <p>11 Have books where children can reach them.</p> <p>18 Get messy – Shaving foam- letters and drawings with your finger.</p> <p>25 Family Drop-in Service (QLD Health) Tuesdays, 9am – 2pm Saturdays, 9am-12pm CityLibraries Aitkenvale.</p>

Make a Library Bag!



Instructions

To set the Image on your child's library bag:

1. Set an iron to cotton setting. Iron the reverse side of your design using a back-and-forth motion, for 4 minutes.

Or

2. Tumble dry. Place your fabric in the tumble dryer for 30 minutes on the hottest setting. Do not place it in the dryer with other garments.

Visit your local library and get your little one their own library card!

Creating their own library bag may get your little ones excited about reading.

You can borrow books.

It's never too early to start reading!



Reading is not just about the words in the book; it's about having fun, talking about what you see, responding to what your child is interested in, and spending time together.

Playdough - see recipe in booklet

The malleable properties of play dough make it fun for investigation and exploration as well as building up strength in all the tiny hand muscles and tendons, making them ready for pencil and scissor control later on.



Use words like rolling, poking, squishing, patting.

Ask your child what they can smell and feel.

Make a Storybook

Inside your pack you'll find pages to create a story with your little one. You might like to use collage materials (inside your pack), cut up an old magazine or use your own photos to help tell the story.

Talk with your child about what an Author and Illustrator do.

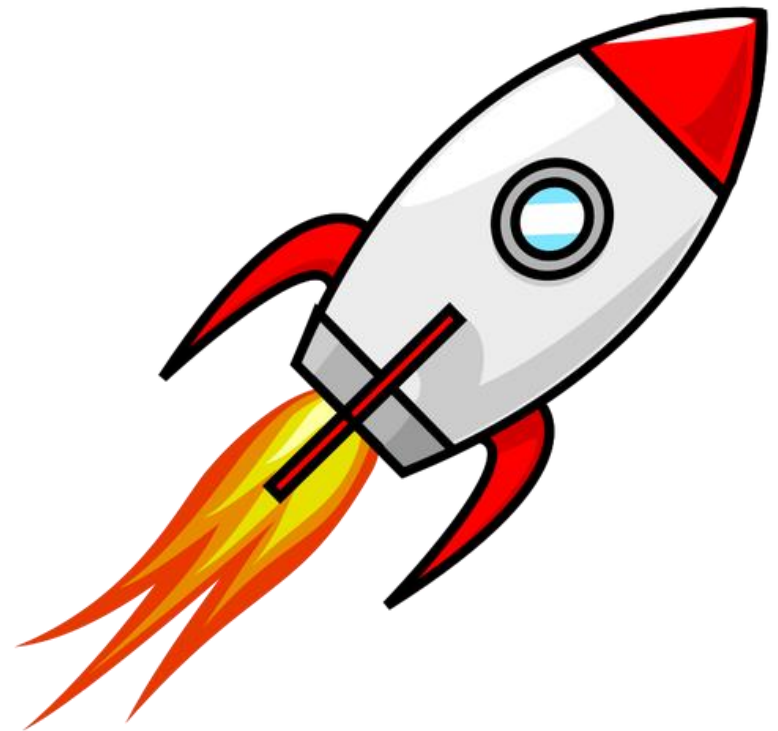


Sharing and talking about books provides the best learning. It's okay to read slowly, skip pages, talk about the pictures or not finish a book.

Song time: Zoom, Zoom, Zoom



Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon,
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We're going to the moon,
(slide hands in upward motion)
If you want to take a trip,
Climb aboard my rocket ship,
(climb fingers up arm)
Zoom, zoom, zoom
We're going to the moon,
(slide hands in upward motion)
In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0,
BLAST OFF!



Song time: If you're happy and you know it



If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it then you really ought to show it
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands

If you're happy and you know it shake your legs
If you're happy and you know it shake your legs
If you're happy and you know it then you really ought to show it
If you're happy and you know it shake your legs

If you're happy and you know it bounce around
If you're happy and you know it bounce around
If you're happy and you know it then you really ought to show it
If you're happy and you know it bounce around

If you're happy and you know it wave goodbye
If you're happy and you know it wave goodbye
If you're happy and you know it then you really ought to show it
If you're happy and you know it wave goodbye

