

STORYTIME GUIDELINES



In order to make storytime a positive experience for your family as well as others, please consider the following storytime guidelines:

- ➡ If the library is a new place for your child, visit us on a day prior to coming for a program. We would like to meet you and introduce you to our library.
- ➡ Please discuss appropriate library behavior with your child before coming to the program.
- ➡ Please arrive a few minutes ahead of time, to minimize disruptions. Children need time to greet friends, become acclimated to a different environment, and to relax. Since young children are easily distracted, latecomers often become the focus of attention which may interrupt the flow of an activity in progress.
- ➡ Provide a positive role model for your child by listening to the stories and participating in the activities. Parents are always welcome to sit with their child and join the fun.
- ➡ To avoid unnecessary distractions, please leave toys and snacks at home or in the car.
- ➡ Please be considerate to others by escorting your child away from the story time area if he/she is unhappy or disruptive. Feel free to return when you feel your child is ready.
- ➡ Storytime is a wonderful time for socializing not only for children but for adults too! However, please visit with other parents before or after, not during storytime. Even quiet, personal conversations are distracting to others who are engaged in storytime.
- ➡ Extend the reading experience through the week by checking out books to share with your child at home. Allow your child to select books before or after storytime.

Preschoolers are at a critical age for developing good attitudes toward literature and the children's services staff at the Harnett County Public Library is grateful for this opportunity to help in cultivating your child to become a life long reader.