

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO THE LIBRARY WITH A TODDLER

There is a new library in Silverdale with different opportunities available! The new library is now off Anderson Hill Road in the old Central Kitsap high school cafeteria. On Tuesdays, they have Baby Band for little ones the ages 0 to 18 months (about one and a half years) of age from 10:30 am-11 am. Preschool Storytimes from 10:30 am- 11 am. Here at Holly Ridge Center, supporting Early Literacy has multiple benefits from personal-social and cognitive to adaptive it opens so many doors for learning. Going to the library is a fun family event and a great learning opportunity.

A toddler doesn't need to know how to read to enjoy going to the library. The community library is the perfect place for your child to begin to love books. The library is full of colorful picture books, hands-on learning opportunities, practicing social skills, and building on attention while connecting with your community.

- ❖ Practice using library whisper voices. Before going to the library, discuss "whisper voices." A library is a special place, and we use our special whisper voice. Take turns whispering to each other before you go to the library and remind your little one once you arrive.
- ❖ Discuss how we treat our books. Part of early literacy is mouthing books to explore. As your child grows and develops, the way they look through the pages of a book will also grow. Remind your child to be gentle with the pages and take care of the books.
- ❖ Let your child choose what book to check out. Most libraries will have a designated spot for children's books- a particular corner for their youngest patrons, complete with puzzles, quiet games, and chunky board books. Let your child take books off the shelf, flip through pages, look at the bright pictures and choose what they want to take home to read. Stop by the other sections in the library. Show your child the tall bookshelves with big books and the differences between the grown-up and children's sections. Toddlers can be a part of the whole Library experience!
- ❖ Sign up for Storytime. Kids adore hearing stories read aloud, and Storytime can serve as an introduction to the preschool- Sitting in a designated area and listening to another adult read a story.
- ❖ Library Card. If your child is old enough to go to the library, they are old enough to get their library card. Getting one is a proud moment, sure to give your child a big-kid sense of ownership and incentive to make a return visit to the library.



Here are some American Sign Language signs you can use to help build their vocabulary around going to the library and books. When using the signs, always sandwich them by saying the word, showing the sign, and following up by repeating the word.

Library - <https://www.signingsavvy.com/search/library>

Books - <https://www.signingsavvy.com/search/books>

Great video from Daniel Tiger about going to the library!

[DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD | So Many Books at the Library | PBS KIDS](#)



Kitsap Regional Library also has Outdoor Storytime at Evergreen Park in Bremerton on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. During this Storytime, the Librarian Kristen Mueller uses American Sign Language, songs, reading stories, and hands-on activities to engage children from babies to 5 years of age. Toddlers often engage briefly and may take a break, play, and return to the Storytime. Kristen supports the energetic style of toddlers; after repetition and learning the predictability of Kristen's outdoor Storytime, toddlers will learn to stay longer with the activities.



### Appreciate Storytime at your local library

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