

**Parenting Tips**  
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### **Reading and your child**

Times spent reading with your child can be some of the special times which your child will remember throughout life.

Stories and books can:

- help child cope with feelings and problems.
- assist in the development of their imagination and creativity.
- help them to learn more about the world they live in.
- assist in the child's language development.
- help to develop self esteem and confidence.
- create a positive relationship between parents / caregivers and children.

How then can we as parents / caregivers help to make these times really special:

- try to make time to read with your child every day.
- let your children see you reading on a regular basis.
- talk with your children about what each of you have read and show that reading is important.
- visit your local library on a regular basis.
- provide encouragement when your child starts to read.

We invite you to visit our Centre to 'check out' the wide range of information that we have available for you to browse or borrow.