**Tips for a Successful Storytime**

**Sit, sing, and listen to stories together.** The more you participate, the more your child will participate, enjoy, and learn.

**Please be on time.** Storytimes are short and every minute is full of fun and learning opportunities.

**Don't be afraid to leave.** Some days children just aren't in the right mood for storytime. If your child is having a bad day or becomes disruptive, please feel free to take a break and try again.

**Please enjoy your food, toys, and cell phones after storytime.** Distractions take away from enjoyment and learning for everyone. There may be children with food sensitivities or allergies in storytime.

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**Library Locations**

**Bennett Martin Public Library**
136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8500

**Anderson Branch**
3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

**Bethany Branch**
1810 N. Cotner Blvd. | 402-441-8550

**Eiseley Branch**
1550 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

**Gere Branch**
2400 S. 56th St. | 402-441-8560

**Lied Bookmobile**
Call for schedule | 402-441-8545

**South Branch**
2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

**Walt Branch**
6701 S. 14th St. | 402-441-4460

**Williams Branch**
5000 Mike Scholl St. | 402-441-8580

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**Why read aloud?**

There is an easy way to improve your child’s chances at school. It will entertain and delight them. It will strengthen the bonds between you and your child. And it is virtually free.

Sound too good to be true? The magical method: taking time to read aloud to your child. Research has repeatedly provided that this one simple parenting technique is among the most effective. Children who are read aloud to by parents get a head start in language and literacy skills and go to school better prepared.

Reading aloud to young children promotes literacy and language development and supports the relationship between child and parent.

In other words, reading that bedtime story may not only entertain and soothe your child, it will also develop vocabulary, improve ability to learn to read, and—perhaps most important—foster a lifelong love of books and reading.
**Babies**
For children birth to 18 months. An interactive parent-child time with fun activities designed to promote early literacy, language development and a love of books.

**Eiseley Branch**
Monday, 10:35 – 10:55 a.m.

**Toddler Time**
For children ages 18-36 months and parents or caregivers. Stories, songs, and activities designed to support early literacy skills by building vocabulary and sharing age-appropriate stories in a fun, active, engaging environment.

**Eiseley Branch**
Monday, 10:35 – 10:55 a.m.

**Sensory Storytime**
A storytime for children who may need a little extra attention or a more controlled environment.

**Gere Branch (Feb. 5 through Mar. 12)**
Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

**Wee Workouts**
For children two to five years old. Get kids moving and interacting with a fun literacy component.

**Eiseley Branch**
Tuesday, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

**Preschoolers**
For children ages three, four, and five. A half-hour of books and activities supporting early literacy by offering vocabulary development, experiences with a wide variety of literature, and participation in language-related activities.

**Anderson Branch**
Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m.

**Bethany Branch**
Thursday, 10:30-11 a.m.

**Eiseley Branch**
Tuesday, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

**All-Ages and Families**
For families with children from infancy to age 8.

**Bennett Martin Public Library**
Sunday, 4-5 p.m.

**Eiseley Branch**
Sunday, 1-1:30 p.m.

**Gere Branch**
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday; 10:15-10:45 a.m. & 11-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, 6:30-7 p.m.

**Walt Branch**
Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. & 11-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, 10:30-11 a.m.

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Lincoln City Libraries will follow Directed Health Measures from the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. We ask that, with or without a mask mandate, you and your family wear masks for the health and safety of our guests and staff. We will limit attendance using a ticket system and will encourage distancing among family groups in the area.