



A list of some of the **early childhood reading and activity** books held at Gunnedah Shire Council Library, September 2013

This is a list of some of the early childhood reading and activity books held by Gunnedah library. If you wish to borrow these books, just come to the library and check them out. Not a member? Fill out an application form, and present some proof of identity (e.g. Driver's licence) and you can borrow at once. The library also holds story reading and handicraft sessions each week – please ring 67402190 for details and time.

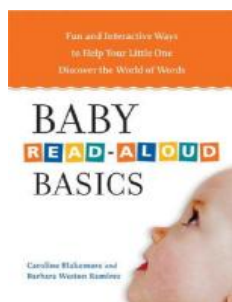


Reading together: parent's handbook by Myra Barrs, Sue Ellis

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“This accessible handbook offers practical information and advice, including detailed answers to many of the most common questions parents ask about their children's literacy.”

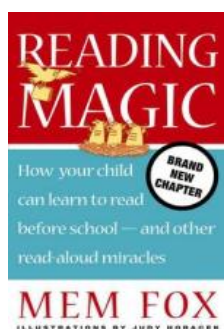
A small book packed with good information about helping children develop a lifelong love of books and reading.



Baby read-aloud basics by Caroline J. Blakemore and Barbara Ramirez

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This easy reading book is packed with “fun and interactive ways to help your little one discover the world of words”. There are lists of recommended types of books for different age groups, handy hints on how to read to children of different ages, from two to four months and over, and tips and talking points about the books and their illustrations. There are even notes on how to make your own books.



Reading magic: how your child can learn to before school – and other read-aloud miracles by Mem Fox

372.4 FOX

“If parents understood the huge educational benefits and intense happiness brought about by reading aloud to their children, and if every parents – and every adult caring for a child – read aloud a minimum of three stories a day to the children in their lives, we could probably wipe out illiteracy within one generation.” An easy reading informative book by an Australian prize winning author of children picture books.



Help your child excel at reading by Katherine Bates

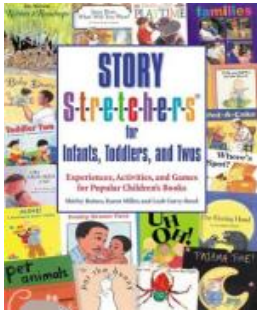
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“...is full of information to help parents guide their children as they learn how to read and write – so their children can achieve their full potential while feeling grat and believing in themselves.” This book, written by a teacher, is aimed at parents with children from 4 to 14 years. The sections cover: Supporting your children's emotional needs, Supporting your children's social needs, and Supporting your children's educational need. Plenty of hints on how to make reading fun and enjoyable.



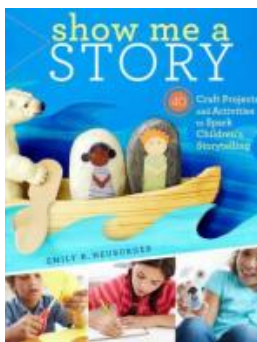
Phonemic awareness activities for early reading success by Wiley Blevins
372.46 BLE

This book is packed with “easy, playful activities that prepare children for phonics instruction.” There are book lists, craft activities, and templates that the parent, teacher or carer can copy and use. There are 48 word and phonemic associated activities in all. A fun book full of ideas for early literacy skills.



Story stretchers for infants, toddlers, and twos: experiences, activities, and games for popular children's books by Shirley Raines, Karen Miller and Leah Curry-Rood
372.4 RAI

This excellent book “contains suggestions for using more than 100 children’s books and many ideas for s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g the stories in new ways to enhance the learning process ... makes reading with infants, toddlers, and twos an adventure in learning and fun.”



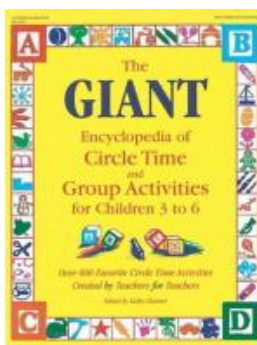
Show me a story: 40 craft projects and activities to spark children's storytelling Emily Neuburger
745.5038 NEU

Four chapters packed with activities and crafts lead children to create their own stories using their imagination. “Telling stories helps children learn and use new words, articulate scary or sad feelings, share experiences with friends, preserve family memories, have fun during car trips, cope with fear and loss, and nourish the imagination.” A book for children, parents and teachers.



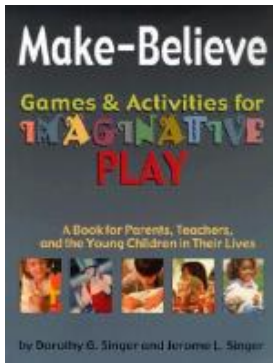
Rapunzel's supermarket: all about young children and their art Ursula Kolbe
704.083 KOL

This is the definitive work on craft activities for children, covering projects involving drawing, painting, collage, working with clay, puppet making and more. This book is a wonderful resource for those living and working with children.



The giant encyclopedia of circle time and group activities for children 3 to 6
edited by Kathy Charner
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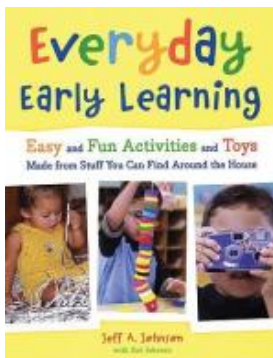
A huge book with “over 600 favorite circle time activities created by teachers for teachers.” This book covers activities from art to the zoo, with the activity, lists of materials required, and clear and easy instructions. For relevant activities, there are also lists of related songs or books. Full of great ideas to encourage creativity and literacy!



[Make-believe: games & activities for imaginative play](#) by Dorothy Singer and Jerome Singer

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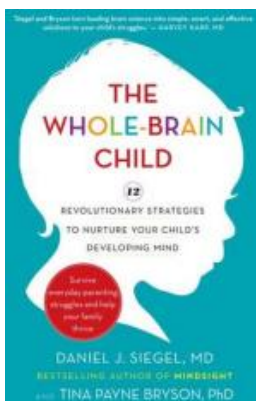
This book is described on the cover as being a book for parents, teachers and the young children in their lives. It “contains more than 100 activities and games that parents, teachers and other adults can use to stimulate the imagination and sense of play in children aged between the ages of 2 and 5.” There’s also a list of picture books by topic in the back of the book, covering topics from animals to transport.



[Everyday early learning: easy and fun activities and toys made from stuff you can find around the house](#) by Jeff Johnson with Zoe Johnson

372.21 JOH

“...over seventy five ideas to get children exploring and discovering using common items ... packed with a punch of educational value, these activities build children’s skills in literacy, math, science and social areas.” Each activity has an ease of construction scale, with one being the easiest. The chapter on language and literacy concentrates on encouraging children to make their own books, and includes paper making!



[The whole-brain child: 12 revolutionary strategies to nurture your child's developing mind](#) by Daniel J Siegel and Tina Bryson

155.4 SIE

More a parenting book than a guide to teaching the love of reading, the authors explain how a brain is wired and how it develops. The book “shows you how to cultivate healthy emotional and intellectual development so that your children can lead balanced, meaningful, and connected lives.” Of which reading is surely a part!