

Appendix 2

**Barbican and Community Libraries  
Services for Under 5s and their families**

<b>Name of activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Rhymetime	Stories and songs	Barbican Children's Library	30 minutes. 2 sessions pw	Friday session for children aged 0-18 months and their carers Monday session for children aged 18months – 3 years and their carers	The provision of Rhymetime is part of our contract with Bookstart <a href="http://www.bookstart.org.uk/">http://www.bookstart.org.uk/</a>
Rhymetime	Stories and songs	Artizan Street Library	30 minutes. 1 session pw	Under 5s and their carers	The provision of Rhymetime is part of our contract with Bookstart <a href="http://www.bookstart.org.uk/">http://www.bookstart.org.uk/</a>
Stay and Play	Stories, songs and play	1. Portsoken Health and Community Centre 2. Artizan Street Lib 3. Shoe Lane Lib	1. 1 hour. 1 pm 2. 1 hr 30 mins. 1 pw 3. 2 hours. 1pw	Under 5s and their carers	
Baby Bounce	Stories, songs and play	Shoe Lane Library	1 hour. 1 pw	Under 2s and their carers	
Messy Play	Sessions to give under 5s the opportunity to get creative and messy in the library	Shoe Lane Library	1 hour. 1 pm	Under 5s and their carers	

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Storytime	Storytelling	1. Barbican Library 2. Shoe Lane Lib	1. 30 minutes. 1 pw 2. As above	3 -5 year olds and their carers	
Dads' Rhymetime	Stories and songs	Barbican Library	30 minutes. 1 pm	Under 5s and their dads	
Nannies' Stay and Play	Stories, songs and play	Artizan Street Library	1 hour 30 minutes. 1 pw	Under 5s and their nannies/au pairs	DCCS run

All activities (above) are supported by a minimum of 2 library staff unless otherwise stated.

### Purpose

To provide opportunities for young children to sing, listen to stories, play and socialise  
 To provide children with an early introduction to culture and literacy (especially via rhyme)  
 To provide parents and cares with opportunities to socialise and build community networks  
 To provide children and their carers with an introduction to the library

### Expected outcomes

Socialisation (children and adults)  
 Improved co-ordination and motor skills  
 Improved speech and language skills  
 Introduction to reading for pleasure and a lifelong love of books  
 Parents and carers feel they are part of a local community