

# Better Beginnings

Better Beginnings is a state wide family literacy program promoting reading and the love of books from an early age. It has been developed by the State Library of Western Australia, and aims to support parents as their children's first teacher.

It's never too early to start reading to your baby or child. Sharing a love of reading, rhyming, singing and talking with your child is one of the best things you can do to give them a head start in life.

## Free Better Beginnings Reading Packs

### Better Beginning Kits for Babies

As part of the Better Beginnings program, parents with new born babies can collect their free Better Beginnings reading kit from their local Library or from their Community Child Health Nurse. The kit includes a board book, information about reading to your baby and participating in wonderful library activities such as Rhymetime and other kid's activities.



### Sing With Me Packs for Toddlers

The Sing With Me reading packs are designed for children aged two years old, and contain an Australian Children's picture book and a CD of nursery rhymes. The pack encourages parents and carers to read and sing with their children every day.

Visit your local Library to pick up your free [Sing With Me](#) pack.

### Survey

If you have received a Sing With Me Pack already for your Toddler, the State Library of Western Australia would love your [feedback](#).



### Better Beginnings Reading Packs for Kindergarten

Local schools and Community Kindergartens are invited to participate with Denmark Public Library to receive free reading packs for every Kindergarten aged child. Librarians can visit your school to deliver the packs and provide a story time. Each reading pack contains a free picture book and can be taken home to enjoy with the family.

Teachers can register their school's participation [online](#).



## Backpacks and Read Aloud Book Sets for Loan

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Sharing books and reading aloud together is a wonderful way to give your child a good start at school.

Visit the Denmark Public Library to loan Better Beginning Backpacks and Read Aloud Book Sets. The bags contain puppets and picture books and sets of great read-aloud stories for families to read together.



For further information about the programs and tips for sharing books with your child visit the [Better Beginnings website](#)

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