

Children and Families

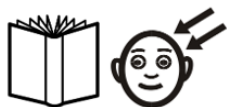


This easy read tells you about what Inspire Libraries have for children and families.

Encouraging children to read



We care about encouraging children to read.



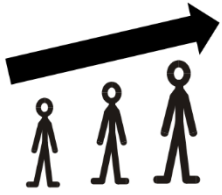
Our libraries have lots of story and learning books.



We run activities and events to help children enjoy reading.



We run them all year round.



Children are welcome at any age.



It is free to join the library and to borrow books.

What is available?



We have lots of books and talking books on CD.



There are [eResources](#), which include:



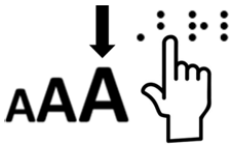
- [eBooks](#)



- [eAudio](#)



- [eMagazines](#)



We have books in [large print and braille](#).



You can get some books in different languages from the library.



We have free [Bookstart packs](#) for children who are under 5 years old.



The [Reading Well](#) collections are books to support children's mental health and wellbeing.



Children can use the [computers](#).



Before using the internet, children will need to have a form signed by a parent or guardian.

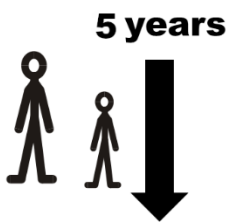


You can borrow a [BBC Micro:bit](#). This is a minicomputer for learning how to code.

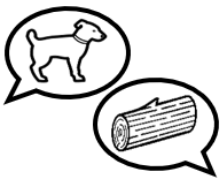


We have [family reading events](#) with authors.

Events and activities for children under 5 years old



These activities are for children who are younger than 5 years old.



- [Rattle, Rhyme and Roll.](#)

Rhyme sessions for babies and toddlers.



- [Story Hullabaloo](#)

Stories and rhymes for little ones.



- [Little Creatives](#)

Workshops where under 5s can do art.



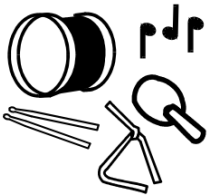
- [Nottingham Playhouse in Inspire Libraries](#)

Storytelling with actors and workshops run with the Nottingham Playhouse theatre.



- [Family Learning](#)

These are courses with Inspire Learning.



- [Adventures in Music](#)

Early years music learning.

Events and activities for Primary School children



Primary School

These are for children who are in primary school.



- [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

A challenge to keep children reading over the summer.



- [InspiRead Book Award.](#)

A springtime book award for young children.



- [Family Theatre](#)

Imaginative theatre for children and families.



- [Family Concerts](#)

Fun chances for families to enjoy live music.



You can search for other events in our [What's On listings.](#)



Or you can contact your [local library.](#)



You can also sign up to our [Children and Families mailing list](#) to get emails about family events.

Childminders, day nurseries and playgroups



If you look after children as a job, you can borrow up to 36 items at a time.



This includes people who are:

- Registered childminders



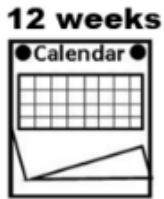
- Leaders of day nurseries and playgroups



- Leaders of parent and toddler groups



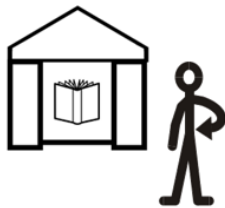
There are no fines or charges for damaged items.



Books can be borrowed for up to 12 weeks.



Groups can plan to visit the library.



To plan a visit, contact your [local library](#).

Family Arts Standards



Inspire is registered with the Family Arts Standards.



This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome.



Look out for events in our programme and online with the FAS badge.



[You can find out more about the Family Arts Standards here.](#)

Links in this document

eResources

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/summer-reading-challenge/childrens-ereading/

eBooks

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/reading/ereading/ebooks/

eAudio

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/reading/ereading/eaudio/

eMagazines

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/reading/ereading/emagazines/

Large print and braille

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/braille-and-large-print-books/

Bookstart packs

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/bookstart/

Reading Well

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/reading-well-children/

Computers

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/computers-libraries/

BBC Micro:bit lending

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/coding/borrowing-bbc-microbit-inspire-library/

Family author events

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/family-reading-events-in-your-local-library/

Rattle, Rhyme and Roll

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/rattle-rhyme-and-roll/

Story Hullabaloo

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/storyhullabaloo/

Little Creatives

inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/little-creatives/

Nottingham Playhouse in Inspire Libraries

inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-young-people/nottingham-playhouse-in-inspire-libraries/

Family Learning

inspireculture.org.uk/skills-learning/online-family-learning/

Adventures in Music

inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/adventures-in-music-sum2025/

Summer Reading Challenge

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/summer-reading-challenge/

InspiRead Book Award

inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/els/book-awards/inspiread/

Family Theatre

inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-young-people/childrens-pop-theatre/

Family Concerts

inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-young-people/family-concerts/

What's On listings

inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/

Children and Families mailing list

inspireculture.org.uk/get-involved/inspire-email/

Find a library

inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/find-a-library/

Family Arts Standards

familyarts.co.uk/family-arts-standards/

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Children and Families | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/)

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