

HOLIDAY READING TIME

It's holiday time and by now Christmas presents have been unwrapped and played with; you have been to the park a few times; you have even visited the relatives. So what activity can you do with your children that is different, something that will really get them buzzing? Why not visit your local library.

This is a great holiday activity and what an enormous range of books they have. The local libraries often have very special holiday activities that will cater for *all* the children in your family. Some libraries have times targeted for specific age groups. And of course you and your child can explore all the wonderful books together.

For really young children there might be story time, nursery rhyme sing-along's and craft and toy sessions.

Older children should already know the non-fiction part of their school library but it probably doesn't have the range of books of your local library. Ask your child what really gets them buzzing then find that section in the library and investigate some of those books.

Or maybe your child will just grab a book and immerse themselves in the fiction world while they are reclining on beanbags or in smothering chairs – amazing!

Want to find out how someone else reads to kids? Then drop along to the library story time – sit back and watch the librarians in action. You never know, you might even be able to sneak a few minutes of quiet time for yourself reading a book that interests you!

And of course don't forget that many libraries have specialist children's librarians, who can tell you the latest books that are on the shelves or maybe even the books that will be just right for your child. They are always excited to help!

So jingle on along to your local library for an hour or more and have a very merry reading holiday!

Hooroo for now

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