

Rhyme Times, Story Times and Toys for Loan

Free and fun drop-in
family activities in
every Islington Library



Baby Bounce and Under 5s

Babies and young children love stories, rhymes and songs, and our relaxed and friendly baby bounce rhyme times and under 5s story and song sessions are great ways to introduce them to books, reading and learning.

Baby Bounce is perfect for ages up to about 18 months and Under 5s from about 18 months to 4 years but some children may be ready to move on earlier.

Every library has at least one baby bounce and one under 5s session every week throughout the year.

You might even enjoy yourself too as we encourage parents and carers to join in the very noisy singing!

To ensure sessions are as safe and effective as possible, numbers attending may have to be limited.

Find out about the great things on offer, like books for you and your child, toys, free computer access, homework clubs, Lego clubs plus holiday events with storytellers, entertainers and craft activities.

Saturday Story Times

We also have some story times on Saturdays to encourage dads and grandads to get involved!

Lewis Carroll Library: first Saturday in the month, 11.30am

N4 Library: every Saturday, 11am

North Library: every Saturday, 2pm

Baby's First Library Ticket

Get your baby started on the road to reading with their very special first library ticket and pick up tips for you on sharing books with your baby.

Collect your pack when you register your baby's birth at the Town Hall.

Childminders and Carers

If you are a childminder, foster carer or carer of a child with disabilities, you can have an additional library ticket enabling you to borrow extra items. The Finsbury Library has a childminders' story and rhyme time. First Thursday in the month, 10.30am.



Bookstart - Free Books for Your Child

Reading with your baby starts them on the road to learning. You can pick up 2 free Bookstart packs containing books and other goodies.

Baby Bookstart Bag – for children aged 0 to 12 months. Pick one up from your Health Visitor.
My Bookstart Treasure Bag – for children aged 36 to 48 months. Ask at your child's nursery, playgroup or Children's Centre.

Bright Start Toy Libraries

We have four toy libraries funded by Islington Bright Start, offering exciting and fun toys for children under five. Toys encourage your child's learning and social development – and are free to borrow!

Session Times

Library	Address	Phone	Baby Bounce	Under 5s	Toy Library
Archway	Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, N19 5PH	020 7527 7820	Monday 11am	Wednesday 11am	
Cat and Mouse	277 Camden Road, N7 0JN	020 7527 7900	Thursday 11am	Tuesday 11am	
Central	2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF	020 7527 6900	Wednesday & Thursday 11am	Tuesday & Friday 11am	
Finsbury	245 St. John Street, EC1V 4NB	020 7527 7960	Thursday 11am	Tuesday 11am	Thursday 11.30am
Lewis Carroll	166 Copenhagen Street, N1 0ST	020 7527 7936	Monday 11am	Wednesday 11am	
Mildmay	21 - 23 Mildmay Park, N1 4NA	020 7527 7880	Thursday 11am	Tuesday 11am	Thursday 11.30am
N4	26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW	020 7527 7800	Tuesday 11am	Thursday 11am	
North	Manor Gardens, N7 6JX	020 7527 7840	Friday 11am	Tuesday 11am	Tuesday 11.30am
South	115 - 117 Essex Road, N1 2SL	020 7527 7860	Friday 11am	Monday 11am	
West	Bridgeman Road, N1 1BD	020 7527 7920	Friday 11am	Tuesday 11am	Friday 11.30am

Islington Library Locations



- 1 Archway Library
- 2 Cat and Mouse Library
- 3 Central Library
- 3 Home Library Service
- 4 Finsbury Library
- 4 Islington Local History Centre
- 4 Islington Museum
- 5 Lewis Carroll Children's Library
- 6 Mildmay Library
- 7 N4 Library
- 8 North Library
- 9 South Library
- 10 West Library

Do you need this information in another language or reading format such as Braille, large print, audio or Easy Read?

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