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Lending Library

Dear Parents and Carers,

To support reading for pleasure at home, we have created our own miniature lending library!

What is a Lending Library?

Our Lending Library is a small collection of books for families to borrow for bedtime stories. The resource will be available daily and will be situated outside the front office at the beginning and end of the school day and it will be available beside the office hatch during the school day.

How does a Lending Library work?

If you would like to borrow a book, simply take one from the trolley and return the book when you've shared it as a family. The books are all clearly labelled to make sure they don't get lost.

Why have Begbrook set up a Lending Library?

Research shows that reading to your child at home as part of a bedtime story supports children to develop their communication and language skills, their critical thinking and helps them to make an additional 6 months of progress in reading.

We believe that all children should have access to bedtime stories so we have curated a small library of books for families to borrow to share at home.

In addition to this, if you would like a greater selection to choose from, please see the list of libraries within 2 miles of Begbrook Primary Academy overleaf.

Why is reading at home so important?

- Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.
- Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.
- A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.
- Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.

Learn more: smartreading.org/parent-resources

The Importance of Bedtime Stories

Benefits of reading aloud daily

- PARENT INVOLVEMENT**
A parent's involvement in reading has stronger influence on a child than family's social class or education level
- LOVE OF READING STARTS EARLY**
The earlier children are read to the greater the effect on reading later in life
- NO AGE LIMIT TO READ ALOUDS**
Reading aloud to children up to age 11 is a powerful predictor that children will become frequent readers

Only 1 in 3 children are read bedtime stories each day



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We hope this will be a useful resource for families to share in. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this further.

Happy reading!

Kind regards,

Miss Earle

Libraries within 2 miles of BPA

[Fishponds Library](#)

Email: fishponds.library@bristol.gov.uk

Phone: 0117 9038560

Address 📍 : [Hockeys Lane, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 3HL \(Google map\)](#)🔗

[Lockleaze Library](#)

Phone: 07342 031887

Address 📍 : [Cameron Walk, Lockleaze, Bristol, BS7 9XB \(Google map\)](#)🔗

[Hillfields Library](#)

Email: hillfields.library@bristol.gov.uk

Phone: 0117 9038576

Address 📍 : [Summerleaze, Speedwell, Bristol, BS16 4HL \(Google map\)](#)🔗

[Horfield Library](#)

Email: horfield.library@bristol.gov.uk

Phone: 0117 9038538

Address 📍 : [Filton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0BD \(Google map\)](#)🔗

[St George Library](#)

Email: st.george.library@bristol.gov.uk

Phone: 0117 9038523

Address 📍 : [Church Road, St George, Bristol, BS5 8AL \(Google map\)](#)🔗



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