

Media Release



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Join one of Council's babies' and children's programs

Camden Council is encouraging parents and carers to take advantage of the FREE exciting and educational programs available for babies' and young children, at Camden, Oran Park and Narellan Libraries.

Babies from birth to two years and their carers can enjoy the much-loved **Babies into Books** program, a fun, 30-minute session filled with stories, songs and rhymes. The sessions, which build pre-reading and literacy skills in a fun and hands-on way, are run at 10am at:

- Camden Library, every Thursday;
- Narellan Library, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and
- Oran Park, every Wednesday.

Babies from birth to two years and their carers can also enjoy the informal drop-in session, **Baby Play Date**. The babies can play with specially selected developmentally-appropriate toys, with new toys available each week, while caregivers can meet and connect with other carers at Narellan Library, every Thursday any time between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

For children aged 2-5 years and their carers, **Storytime** is an exciting, 30-minute session of stories, songs and craft. The sessions encourage a love of stories, books and libraries and help to prepare children with skills they'll need at childcare and school. Storytime is run at:

- Camden Library, every Tuesday and Thursday, 11am;
- Narellan Library, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11am, and Saturday, 10.30am; and
- Oran Park Library, every Wednesday, 11am, and Saturday, 10.30am.

Children aged 2-3 years can also take part in **Mini Builders**, a program which uses Lego to develop early literacy and science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills. The building activities help children explore, imagine and learn, providing hands-on opportunities for creativity and imagination. This program is run at Camden Library every Tuesday, 10am.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the regular programs are a hit with residents.

"In 2018, we had almost 31,000 people attend our children's programs," Cr Fedeli said.

"These sessions are fantastic ways to help your children develop new skills in a fun and inclusive environment. It's also a great way to connect with other parents and carers and make new friends experiencing the same things you and your children are.

"We also have a Children's Librarian available to help parents and children navigate their way around the library and answer any questions you may have."

For more information, visit library.camden.nsw.gov.au

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