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## Toddler and Babytime Back for 2014

Babies and toddlers are learning to look, listen and move at Selwyn libraries as the libraries welcome the district's youngest residents to baby and toddler time sessions for 2014.

Baby Time sessions are for babies up to two years old and feature songs and rhymes. They also have scarves, maracas, puppets and bubbles for babies to play with.

"Being introduced to books from a young age is important and it benefits a child's development enormously. Baby Time is also a great way to expose babies to rhythm and movement," says Chrissie Walker, Rolleston Librarian.

The Toddler Time sessions are aimed at two to five year-olds, where they enjoy songs and stories, some with interactive felt boards, plus they can take home a picture and stamp as a memory.

Mrs Walker says the Toddler Time sessions at Rolleston Library for young children have been such a massive hit they not only added another class, they started the new Baby Time sessions for younger babies.

"By having the babies start from as young as three months, they are learning hand-eye co-ordination and strengthening their leg muscles for crawling and walking," says Mrs Walker.

Sessions run weekly during the school term and the Lincoln Library sessions are held in the colourful new children's reading area.

Baby Time session times are at:

- Rolleston Library, Wednesdays, 9.30am – 10.00am
- Lincoln Library, Thursdays, 9.30am – 10.00am

Toddler Time sessions are at:

- Darfield Library, Mondays 10 - 10.30am
- Rolleston Library, Tuesdays 9.30 – 10am and 10.30 – 11am
- Lincoln Library, Thursdays 10.30 – 11am
- Leeston Library, Wednesdays 10 – 11am

After Toddler Time at Leeston a session with craft activities for children and a cup of tea for parents is also being trialled to see if there is enough interest for this to continue to be offered.

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