

Disclaimer: Activities with children must always be risk assessed, including for allergies or choking. Children must always have adequate supervision. Resources and materials must always be appropriate for children's age and stage of development.

Top tips: Setting up a Lending Library

Lending libraries are a great way to offer resources to parents to support them with their child's learning and development. This week's top tips will support parents to spend quality time with their children, enjoying stories together.

1. Gather a wide and diverse selection of books - make sure they all have the setting name in them. It may be helpful to number them so you can easily create an inventory for them
2. Display the books in a central location in the setting - ensure there is enough for every family to borrow one at the same time. You could have multiple smaller libraries (one for each room/age range) to make it more manageable
3. Explain to parents what they need to do to borrow something from the library, e.g. write the date, title and number of the book in a folder and write the date when the book is returned. It is important to have a manageable system to record loans. Make sure there are clear guidelines on how long items can be borrowed
4. Offer parents tips on how to engage their children and make reading and storytelling fun and exciting – such as inside the front covers
5. Refresh books regularly to keep them exciting and inviting. Encourage donations from parents/local libraries to expand your collection
6. When the books are returned, create an opportunity to talk to the child about the book they borrowed
7. Work with local authors and libraries to get children excited about reading. An author could come and read to the children to create an excitement around a book or series of books
8. The lending library could be extended to offer story sacks (a story with associated props), jigsaws, games, etc. Try getting a group of parents to help to set up, create and maintain the resources.



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- [Vocabulary and early language skills](#) – online training

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