

# STORYTIME

There are many goals for storytime, such as literacy and social skills. If I highlight one particular goal and positive outcome of storytime, it is to nurture in children/families the desire to be lifelong library users. Families look forward to the outing with their children on Saturday mornings. Connecting with the library weekly introduces children to the love of books and what libraries are. I love overhearing a child using the terminology of "going to buy the books" and parents explaining the concept of "borrowing books", getting to take them away for free and bring them back and be able to choose all new ones.



## OUTCOMES:

- New families introduced to the library.
- A chance for parents to meet other parents; we had two families in which one parent's first language was Spanish; these two families connected at storytime and had similar-age children.
- Literacy enhancement through songs, rhymes and books.
- Fostering a lifelong love of reading and the library.
- Learning how to take out and return books, helping check out their books sometimes!
- Parents always appreciate the craft time; one 2-year-old expressed her excitement about storytime because she got to use the glue stick. Mum reported she couldn't stop talking about it at home.
- Encouraging young children to develop an interest in reading and learning by providing services for parents and their children.



## CRAFT TIME

