Why Read Aloud?

Reading aloud is a great way to increase your child's chances of success at school.

It will entertain and delight them. It will strengthen the bonds between you and your child and is virtually free.

Sound too good to be true? Research has proven that this simple technique is among the most effective parenting tools.

Children who are read aloud to by parents get a head start in language and literacy skills and are more prepared to go to school.

In other words, reading that bedtime story may not only entertain and soothe your child, but it will also develop vocabulary, improve the ability to learn to read, and—perhaps most important of all—foster a lifelong love of books and reading.

Library Locations

Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8500

Anderson Branch
3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

Bethany Branch
1810 N. Cotner Blvd. | 402-441-8550

Eiseley Branch
1530 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

Gere Branch
2400 S. 56th St. | 402-441-8560

Lied Bookmobile
Call for schedule | 402-441-8545

South Branch
2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

Walt Branch
6701 S. 14th St. | 402-441-4460

Williams Branch
4900 Mike Scholl St. | 402-441-8580

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Storytimes

at Lincoln City Libraries

September 2025–November 2025

Storytimes at Lincoln City Libraries are designed to promote early literacy. Presenters share stories, songs and other activities that support language development, build vocabulary and instill a love of books.

Stay and Play

Research shows the importance of unstructured play for children. After some storytimes, we invite children and caregivers to play with our developmental toy collection. This time also provides the opportunity for grownups to socialize while they keep an eye on their little ones.

Babies

For children, birth to 18 months. An interactive parent-child time.

Bennett Martin Public Library
Thursdays, 10:30–10:50 a.m.
Eiseley Branch
Mondays, 10:35–10:55 a.m.
Gere Branch
Mondays, 10:05–10:25 a.m.
Tuesdays, 10:45–11:05 a.m.
Walt Branch
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11–11:20 a.m.
- *Stay and Play for Babies, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 11:20–11:45 a.m.*

Toddler Time

For children 18 to 36 months. An interactive parent-child time.

Anderson Branch
Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Mondays, 10:50–11:30 a.m.*

Bethany Branch
Tuesdays, 10:30–10:50 a.m.
Eiseley Branch
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:35-10:55 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Wednesdays & Thursdays 11–11:45 a.m.*

Gere Branch
Mondays, 10:40–11 a.m.
Walt Branch
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:15–10:35 a.m.

Preschoolers

For children ages three, four and five.

Anderson Branch
Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Bethany Branch
Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Eiseley Branch
Tuesdays, 7–7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Wednesdays & Thursdays 11–11:45 a.m.*

Gere Branch
Thursdays, 10:45–11:15 a.m.
South Branch
Wednesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Wednesdays, 11–11:30 a.m.*

Walt Branch
Tuesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. and 11–11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:15–10:45 a.m. and 11–11:30 a.m.

Families

For children birth to age five.

Bennett Martin Public Library
Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Fridays, 11–11:45 a.m.*

Walt Branch
Saturdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Saturdays, 11–11:45 a.m.*

Williams Branch
Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
- *Stay and Play, Thursdays, 11–11:45 a.m.*

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Wee Workouts

For children two to five years old. Kids move, exercise and interact while experiencing the joy of books.

Eiseley Branch
Tuesdays, 10:35–10:55 a.m.

Music and Movement

For children 18 months to 5 years old and their caregivers. Dance, sing, play, wiggle and learn during this interactive parent-child storytime.

Gere Branch
Tuesdays, 10:05–10:35 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:05–10:35 a.m. and 10:45–11:15 a.m.
Thursdays, 10:05–10:35 a.m. and 6:30–7 p.m.

Sensory Storytime

For children ages three to eight. This storytime is for children who may need a little extra attention or a more controlled environment.

Gere Branch
Saturdays, 9:15–10 a.m.
2025: 09/06–10/11 and 10/25–11/22

All library locations will be closed on the following holidays:
Labor Day Holiday: Sunday, Aug. 31 and Monday, Sep. 1
Library In-service Day: Friday, Sep.19
Veterans Day: Tuesday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28

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