J.W. McDonald Memorial Branch
Glenmora, Louisiana

Presented by: Gail Goldberg & Brenda Manning

Library Babies

Thursdays 9:30 am—10:00 am
Ages: Newborn through 3 years
Interactive Learning Program

Your children will experience music, games, learn social skills and have fun with new playmates.
RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

McDonald Branch

Library Babies

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What is Library Babies?
A. Library Babies is an introduction for parents or guardians to learn early childhood development skills. In this beginning baby time, parents and guardians work with the program leader to teach sensory skills to their children. These lessons focus on pre-reading skills.

Q. How will this help prepare babies to appreciate the library?
A. These sessions will prepare babies to look forward to the fun times in the library as they are introduced to music, books, learning toys, instruction, and socialization with other babies. They will gradually recognize what a library can offer them.

Q. What inspired McDonald Branch Manager Gail Goldberg to begin this program?
A. The Library works to serve all ages in our community; the very little ones needed something that would stimulate their interest and capabilities. As a new grandmother, Mrs. Goldberg wanted a refresher course on how to train and interest her grandchildren in library knowledge, how to teach motor skills and to introduce them to stories and music.

Q. What community need(s) does this program fill?
A. This is the first program that is strictly for babies from birth to 2 years old. This program also offers new parents, guardians, and other family members current information on how to interest their (grand)children in pre-literary activities. It offers an opportunity for babies, parents, guardians, and grandparents to participate in bonding activities, and is designed to offer an introduction to motor skills, socialization, and intellectual development. The library is the perfect place to have babies grow in a world of books and music to develop a love of reading.

Q. When and where is Library Babies?
A. Library Babies meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the McDonald Branch Library in Glenmora. The program lasts 20-30 minutes.
Program Plan
Rapides Parish Library

Branch/Department: McDonald Branch  
Contact Person: Gail Goldberg

Program Title: Library Babies

Target Audience (ex. Adults/Children/Teens): newborn to 3 years

Program Date(s): Program Site: Program Time(s):
New wkly baby activity McDonald Meeting Rm. From 9:30 am - 10:00 pm
Paid Presenter: Yes or NoX If yes, check is needed by ___

Detailed Program Description
Include any biographical/professional information about the guest presenter and explain how the program ties into the library’s educational mission. Attach additional pages.

A beginning baby time to teach sensory skills with toys and musical instruments that will lead to a true storytime as they grow and develop. We will use nursery rhymes and songs to enhance our program and teach the children to follow sound and motions. Ex. Sitting and playing peek-a-boo or showing a ball to a baby and then hiding it and having them find it. This would be a baby storytime that is telling stories; music and building sensory skills. We would offer this once a week in the meeting room for babies, newborn to 18 months.

Additional Resources Needed
Supplies/Equipment:
Soft play toys; balls with bells; musical beginning instruments; soft rug; baby blocks, etc.
I feel we will need cash resources to buy the toys that are needed. I know we will need some place to store the items when they are not in use. I hope to search for grants that will fund this – Possibly Rapides Foundation since this will be a program to build babies learning skills – physical as well as mentally.

Personnel:
McDonald Staff – possibly youth staff?

Publicity Needs/Requests:
KALB; Town Talk; website; radio spots (once we are ready)

Return this form, as an email attachment, to:
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Asst. Director for Outreach Services
Asst. Director for Direct Services
Webmaster
Administrative Assistant
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Refreshments for parents (approximately 6 mo.) $50.00

Color sheets $25.00

Crayola Multicultural Crayons
(Box of 8) (Jumbo) 12 @ $1.69 $20.28

**SUB TOTAL** $464.60

**TAX and SHIPPING (to be added)**

The following are supplies and equipment that we own. I would like a storage bench built to hold toys when not in use.

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**Educational DVD’s**

(RPL owns)

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Bluebird, Bluebird

Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
O, Johnny, I am tired!

Take a little girl and tap her on the shoulder
Take a little girl and tap her on the shoulder
Take a little girl and tap her on the shoulder
O, Johnny, I am tired!

Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
O; Johnny, I am tired!

Take a little boy and tap him on the shoulder
Take a little boy and tap him on the shoulder
Take a little boy and tap him on the shoulder
O, Johnny, I am tired!

Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
Bluebird, Bluebird through my window
O, Johnny, I am tired!

O Johnny I am tired!
Sarasponda Lyrics

(A silly song.)


Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set.

Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set.

Ah door ray oh, ah door ray boom day oh.

Ah door ray boom ret set set, Ah say pa say oh.

Boom da, boom da, boom da, boom da.

Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set.

Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set.

Ah door ray oh, ah door ray boom day oh.

Ah door ray boom ret set set, Ah say pa say oh.
American Sign Language: "orange"

The sign for "orange," both the fruit and the color, is made by forming the letter "c" and then "s." You "squeeze" your hand in front of your mouth twice.

ORANGE:
The sign for "yellow" is made by forming the letter "Y."
Twist your hand a couple times (the movement is in the wrist)

YELLOW:

Some people do a small sideward movement while twisting the hand.

YELLOW (variation)
The sign for "red" is made by making a movement that looks like you are stroking your lips (one time) with the tip of your index finger.

RED:

Notice that I tend to change the "index" finger into an "x" hand as I move it downward. I also tend to only do the movement one time but some people keep the finger straight. You might also see this sign done with a double motion. But again, the way I do it is by changing the index finger into an "X" handshape as I pull it down an inch or two. Also, I don't go out of my way to actually make contact. If you do happen to touch your lips a bit, no big deal, but contact is not needed for this sign.
The sign for "write" uses a quick scribbling movement across the palm of the left hand.

WRITE:

Notes:
The tip of the index finger is touching the dip of the thumb. This sign can also be done using a "downward" writing movement instead of a sideward movement. The non-dominant hand does not move.
American Sign Language: "book"

The sign for "book" uses "flat" hands.

BOOK (use a double motion)

American Sign Language: "Mom & Dad"

MOM:
Make the sign for "Mother" by placing the thumb of your hand against your chin. Your hand should be open (a "5" shape).
DAD
Make the sign for "father" by placing the thumb of your hand against your forehead. Your hand should be open.
READING:

Notes:

The double movement would generally be considered to mean, “reading.” The verb “read” is done with a single movement.
LIBRARY:

Circle an “L” in the air. The circle moves clockwise from your perspective and counter clockwise from the other person’s perspective.
LIBRARIAN: