

Young Readers Program

The State Library of Victoria in partnership with Victorian State Government have devised a program called Young Readers Program in an effort to promote early literacy to young families.

Sharing books and singing rhymes with your child is not only a very special time to snuggle up together, it promotes language development when they learn to talk. Studies show that children who are read to on a regular basis learn to read and write very quickly.

High Country Library Corporation is working closely with local Maternal and Child Health Centers to bring this program to parents of 4 month old children. At their 4 month visit to the Maternal and Child Health Nurse, parents receive a gift certificate which they present at their local library to collect a Baby Book Bag. This bag includes a picture book, *It's Rhyme Time* booklet and DVD, a booklet of great stories to read to your baby and toddler. It also includes and information on free activities for children at your local library.

