



1. INSTITUTION INFORMATION:

<http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/children>

2. NAME AND POSITION OF THE CONTACT PERSON WHO SENDS THE FORM

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3. DESCRIPTION:

**Subject:**

**\*activities**

**\*reading promotion**

**Age group:**

**\*children's service**

Briefly describe the "best practice", or the program, project, activity that is new and promising! The text should not exceed 150 words or 800 characters in length.

***Sing, Read and Rhyme!***

Our early childhood program, for babies 6- 24 months is presented over four weeks in two, thirty minute sessions at all of our major branch libraries.

**Each session includes:**

Singing & bouncing - songs and rhymes expose babies to the rhythm of language and encourages the development of pre- literacy skills.

Quiet reading time, sharing books with babies assisted by staff

Action rhymes

Music time

**The program is supported by:**

A free booklet with songs and rhymes given to all participants

Parent reading materials

Opportunities to ask staff questions

***Sing, Read and Rhyme*** is presented in a visually stimulating environment encouraging babies to explore and learn. The library is promoted as a friendly, safe and welcoming place, one that encourages a lifelong love of reading.

4. This Form should be accompanied by one **photo in \*.jpg format** and sent by e-mail or by regular mail to the Section's officer:  
See the Section's officers' addresses at: <http://www.ifla.org/en/libraries-for-children-and-ya>

