



# October 2008 Broadcast

## Bilingual families

Early Words resources encourage families to speak to their children from birth in their strongest language. This is the language that parents can communicate their feelings, emotions, and day-to-day needs the most easily in. The 3 year "talking" section of the 3 to 5 years DVD covers this area. Each section of this DVD can be viewed separately, so can also be used in parent evenings or staff meetings.

There are also some good websites for parents with further information on bilingualism.

Bilingual families Perth have a brochure for parents: language choices for new parents:  
[www.geocities.com/bilingualfamilies/](http://www.geocities.com/bilingualfamilies/)

Bilingual families connect is a British site with a number of links such as one for Chinese families by a speech pathologist, in Chinese and English  
<http://home.comcast.net/~bilingualslp/>  
[www.bilingualfamiliesconnect.com](http://www.bilingualfamiliesconnect.com)



## Baby Rhyme times in libraries

Every Council in Western Sydney now run sessions, during school terms, of rhymes and stories for young babies and toddlers. Holroyd, Blacktown and Baulkham Hills libraries run sessions weekly in every library.

Contact your local library for times.

Singing Songs and rhymes to young children is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to build strong phonological awareness- so critical in learning to read later. Songs and rhymes in other languages can also be found on the website: Multilingual songbook: Songs and rhymes in 25 languages

[www.laukart.de/multisite/songbook/sabine.php](http://www.laukart.de/multisite/songbook/sabine.php)

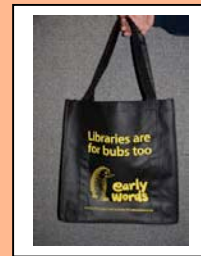
## Echidna Bookbags for sale "Libraries are for bubs too"

A box of 50: \$58  
Australia Post (NSW) \$10,  
(Interstate) \$15  
Handling; \$6.25 per box  
**Total: \$75 NSW,**  
**Interstate \$80**

Encourage more reading!

Contact us: 9831 1099

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## Free Bilingual Storytime training. (for young children)

(DET/Parramatta Council/Chinese Community initiative)

Tuesday 11 November, 9.30-1 pm, Parramatta Library.

RSVP by 30 October to (02) 9806 5159 or

[mparsons@parracity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mparsons@parracity.nsw.gov.au),

[pchan@parracity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pchan@parracity.nsw.gov.au)

## Early Words Train the Trainer early 2009

Our presentation in 2009 will target areas partners would like to talk to parents about, or use in their practice. We also hope to have this on our website. Email and add to our current topics: how to read a book

## A tip for newsletters; Early Words DVD: 4 years:

Try to limit television, computer and video viewing to 1-2 hours per day. The best shows are ones that teach your child new skills like singing and rhyming. If you watch television together and talk about what is happening, your child will understand more about the program. This is called "active watching" because your child is talking about what they see, not just sitting and looking. This is the same for computer games.



Come and hear Mem Fox. 26 November 2008, 10.30-12. Nirimba Room, Blacktown Council, bookings essential: Ph: (library) 9839 6620