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Whether you ve been presenting baby storytimes for fifteen years or fifteen minutes, you probably already know that the first five years of life are key for brain development and early literacy. Many public libraries have instituted baby and toddler programs, but finding exciting materials for baby storytime that go beyond nursery rhymes can be a challenge. Baby Storytime Magic is a treasure trove of new and exciting ideas for programs, all of which revolve around themes from a baby's world. Inside this resource you'll find Fingerplays, bounces, flannelboards, activities with props, songs, American Sign Language activities, and more, with items arranged by type of materialTips for planning

storytimes, with advice on logistical issues such as age grouping, scheduling, formats, and physical setup
Guidance on involving caregivers in baby storytimes, including suggested scripts for explaining the benefits of each activity and how to use it at home
Age-appropriate book recommendations
Information on the stages of early childhood development, plus an appendix of recommended additional resources
A thematic index to find the right storytime quickly
Links to full-sized, downloadable flannelboard patterns, craft patterns, and worksheets

From School Library Journal
This guide features stories, rhymes, songs, and activities as well as library storytime management tips. Pros and cons of age groupings versus developmental groupings are considered, as is the need to accommodate older siblings. Information about an infant's developing brain and the acquisition of literacy skills is discussed in introductory chapters. Each activity or book is introduced with an informational "literacy bit" to be shared with caregivers. Most of the rhymes and songs are original and are sometimes set to the tune of traditional songs or chants. The focus of the content is on babies' familiar, daily activities. Adults are encouraged to use their own voices rather than musical recordings, and suggestions for props and flannel boards accompany the activities. American Sign Language drawings are added to many activities, but no textual description of the signs is provided. Drawings for flannel and magnetic boards are pictured in black-and-white illustrations that can be photocopied.
Jackie Gropman, formerly at Chantilly Regional Library, VA "Whilst there are many storytime/rhyme time book resources available on the market, what sets Baby storytime magic apart is that each suggested title is accompanied by a 'literacy bit' - this is a suggested script for the facilitator to use to explain to caregivers the benefits of a particular activity and how to use it at home...This book is a smart purchase for any public library, early education centre or professional providing activities for babies." -Sharon Uthmann, Australian Library Journal
About the Author
Kathy MacMillan is a freelance writer, American Sign Language interpreter, and storyteller. She is the author of *Try Your Hand at This! Easy Ways to Incorporate Sign Language into Your Programs* (Scarecrow Press, 2006), *A Box Full of Tales* (ALA Editions, 2008), and *Little Hands and Big Hands: Children and Adults Signing Together* (Huron Street Press, 2013), and coauthor of *Storytime Magic* (ALA Editions, 2009), *Kindergarten Magic* (ALA Editions, 2011), and *Multicultural Storytime Magic* (ALA Editions, 2012). She was the library/media specialist at the Maryland School for the Deaf from 2001 to 2005 and prior to that was a children's librarian at Carroll County (Maryland) Public Library and Howard County (Maryland) Library, where she developed and presented hundreds of programs for all ages. She holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, and has been reviewing for School Library Journal since 1999. She presents American Sign Language programs and resources through her blog *Stories by Hand* and offers storytime resources in her blog *Storytime Stuff*.
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