

Library has lots to offer tot set

September is undoubtedly a kid-focused time. All that back-to-schooling keeps parents busy with pencil-crayon-purchasing and university-packing, and more. And while the Halton Hills Public Library is a great place to get a start on all of those homework assignments, school projects, and getting-ready-for-kindergarten stories, it does not mean that the very youngest should feel left out. The library has lots of things for babies (and their parents too). Here is a selection:

You are never too young to enjoy a good book, and that goes for babies too. The library has a collection of baby board books, perfect for little hands to hold and less destructible than their paper counterparts. Plus there are also fun CDs with children's songs to get you and your baby into a musical mood.

And speaking of activities with your baby, the library has a collection of baby-friendly DVDs. For example the *Baby Einstein* series which includes titles such as *Baby Newton*, *Baby Mozart* and many others can let you introduce the world of music, numbers, art, letters and more.

Feeding, clothing, and playing with babies, helping them when they are sick and dealing with sleeping and other parenting issues can all be very challenging. While nothing can replace the good advice of health care professionals, the library has all sorts of parenting books and magazines in the

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parenting section of the children's library—a great place to browse.

If you are interested in activities you can do with your baby, the library offers a special program called *Baby Tales* for babies from 6-months to 23-months old and a caregiver. You and baby can join us for 20 minutes of stories, rhymes, rhythm and movement in the company of other adults and babies. Registration is required for this program and can be accomplished through the library website at www.library.hhpl.on.ca. Just click on the "Kids" heading and follow the links. New sessions start in October at both branches of the library (Georgetown and Acton) and for the first time this fall at the Gellert Community Centre.

So while the older kids are off at school, why not take a break with baby and visit the library. We have lots here for the very youngest members of your family.

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Time to register for Library programs

Business Consultant on Site: Calling all business owners and entrepreneurs! Halton Region's Business Development Centre, in partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, provides access to professional business consultants who can answer questions about starting a business, business planning, writing marketing plans, and understanding government regulations. Register for a free one-hour consultation on Thursday, September 18 at 1-866-4HAL-TON or busdev@halton.ca

Register for Preschool Programs: Halton Hills Public Library offers free programs for children, aged 6 months to 5 years. You can register online beginning September 9 at www.library.hhpl.on.ca. Programs begin in October and are offered in both branches.

For babies 6-23 months and their grownups we offer *Baby Tales*, a one-on-one program using music, rhythm, rhymes and puppets to stimulate your baby. New for this fall: we'll be offering *Baby Tales* at the Gellert Centre and on Friday afternoons!

For two year-olds and their grownups, we offer *Tales for Twos*, which includes picture books, rhymes, music, and creative movement.

At the Library



Library Lion Tales is for children 3-5 years old, and includes stories, music, games and other fun.

The library also provides drop-in programs that do not require registration. For more information please call 905-873-2681 ext. 2520 or 905-853-0301.

Cocoa Club at the Library: If you like to read and are between the ages of 9 and 12, you should join Halton Hills Public Library's Cocoa Club! We'll talk about books, make some new friends and have some hot chocolate too! Sign up in person at the Children's and Youth Services Desk at the Georgetown Branch (9 Church St.) or phone 905-873-2681 ext. 2520. We'll meet the first Thursday of every month in the Georgetown Branch at 6:30 pm beginning October 2. There are limited spaces. For details, visit www.library.hhpl.on.ca.



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The Halton Resource Connection

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Open House for Home Child Care Providers

If you provide child care in your home, come to this exciting event created just for you!

The event is free and features information booths from a variety of groups in Halton that can help support your service to children and families.

Thursday, September 18, 2008
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Halton Regional Centre,
South Auditorium
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

For more information contact:
The Halton Resource Connection
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Fall Compost Give Away at the Halton Waste Management Site

Friday, September 12, 2008
Saturday, September 13, 2008
and Monday, September 15, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to the participation efforts of Halton residents, about 26,000 tonnes of yard waste is collected every year and turned into rich, garden-friendly compost. Halton Residents are invited to come out to the Fall Compost Give Away to pick up some of this compost as a 'Thank You' for helping divert a usable material from the landfill, thereby extending its life!

- All Halton households are welcome to collect a maximum of seven bags (or equivalent) of compost.
- Residents are responsible for shovelling and bagging their own compost.
- Please bring your own bags/containers and shovel.
- Non-perishable food items or cash donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area food banks.



Helpful Hint – When applying your compost to your gardens, ensure you blend it with topsoil or another gardening fill. Recommended application for best growing results is a 60/40 split (60% topsoil and 40% compost).

House cleaning? We can help!
Bring your reusable clothing and household items to the Salvation Army Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site.



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