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Raising a child who loves to read Can begin at the Modesto Library's Book Babies Program

Parents who have participated in the BookBabies program at the Modesto Library have discovered the benefits of chanting nursery rhymes, singing songs, and reading stories to their babies.

The BookBabies program at the Modesto Library is open to parents (or caregivers) and their babies ages 12 months and younger. With the use of music, nursery rhymes and very simple stories, the magic of books is introduced to the children.

"The joy of sharing books is an important gift parents can give to their children from the time they are born," said Sharon Arpoika, head of the Stanislaus County Library Children's Department. "Our goal is to encourage parents to instill a love of reading in their children."

Enrollment is open now through June 21 for the session beginning July 2. Enrollment preference is given to new participants, as space is limited. Other arrangements must be made for older siblings. The BookBabies summer session will be held on Mondays at 11 a.m. July 2 through August 27. Those interested in participating should visit the Modesto Library Children's Desk or call 558-7810 for further details.

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