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Title of project/innovation/initiative	Storytime – Children With Additional Needs
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The issue/challenge

Increasing participation of families of children with additional needs within the library and library programs. The main issue for these families were they didn't feel welcome in the library during Storytime, because of other participant's response and reaction to the children/s disability.

Project details

An additional Storytime was trialled in the Moranbah Library Children's timetable, specifically for children with additional needs.

This was 45 minutes in duration. Structure was similar to other storytime programs. It consisted of songs, finger plays, books and craft. The needs of the group were very diverse. All components could be adapted to the needs of the individual children. The primary focus was providing an environment where parents felt comfortable attending library programs without fear.

Unfortunately in the past parents had attended programs and felt unwelcome by other parents because their child's disability. Because of this they had not returned to any programs.

By scheduling a specific Storytime program parents can attend with other parents and their children. By providing a safe and comfortable environment parents and their children could participate in the program and utilise the resources within the library.