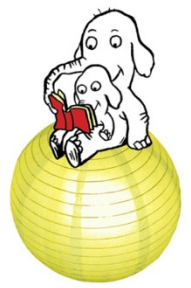




BOOKSTART

Read to your child and win an iPad!



For more information please visit: www.kulturstyrelsen.dk/bogstart

Bookstart wants to support your child's language development, in order to boost their future prospects.

Bookstart is a project that aims to support your child's language development through books.

Bookstart's overall objectives are:

- to strengthen your ability to support your child's language development
- to encourage your child's love of books
- to give you and your child positive shared experiences of reading
- to encourage you and your family to take advantage of library services

Free books

To help you and your child get started, we provide you with 12 books free of charge!

- 3 books when your child is 6 months old. At this point a librarian will visit you in your home and provide you with the books
- 3 books when your child is 12 months old. At this point a librarian will visit you in your home once again and provide you with the books
- 3 books when your child is 18 months old. You and your family will be invited to the library to pick up the book pack (by appointment if necessary)
- 3 books when your child is three years old. The book pack will be distributed to all three year olds by a day care facility in the vicinity of your home.

The librarian will offer concrete suggestions on how you can support your child's language development at each of the four different stages.

Does Bookstart strengthen children's language development?

We will explore whether the books strengthen the child's acquisition of language. We can do this by comparing the language development of children involved in Bookstart with that of children who are not included on the programme. Therefore, we hope to be able to follow your child during the period they are taking part in Bookstart.

It is the Centre for Child Language at the University of Southern Denmark that is in charge of the programme.

What do I need to do?

All you have to do is answer some questions along the way:

- You will be contacted once or twice after receiving each book pack. You will be asked about the learning environment in your home. On each occasion the conversation will last a maximum of 15 minutes.
- You will be contacted once a month to ask how much you have read to your child (either by text or phone)

If you complete all the answers, you will automatically be entered into the draw to win a brand new iPad.

