



# Easy as ... **A B C**

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**D**uring the long summer holidays thoughts of school and daily routine are the furthest thing from our minds. Evaluation of learners completed, everyone takes a breather till the new year. Good intentions to remedy problems, motivation and fresh starts are normally on the agenda for the following year.

Parents have the interests of their children at heart and might want to use the holidays to read up on issues regarding raising their young ones. Most librarians take down their Christmas displays directly after Christmas and this period is therefore an excellent opportunity to promote their book stock relating to children and their education.

This would include books on:

- ✦ developmental stages
- ✦ educational needs, day care, primary and secondary school
- ✦ parenting, for example, single parents, working mothers, adopted children, children with special needs
- ✦ health
- ✦ games, educational toys, songs, rhymes, activities for children
- ✦ birthday parties
- ✦ religion
- ✦ nutrition, including the nightmare of packing exciting lunch boxes
- ✦ recommended reading for children and the educational value of books and reading.

### To compile the display

Select A4-size paper in four different colours which will contrast well.

Please turn to page 49 for a template of lettering for you to use. The **ABC...U** must be enlarged on photocopier to 170mm height and **@ SCHOOL** to 80mm height. The mobile alphabet is a mixture of upper and lower case letters in different sizes which give the mobile a vibrant look as they move in the air. Alternate the colours for each letter.

To assemble the mobile you need a strong wire circle (32 cm diameter). Cut a piece of card to 106 cm x 10 cm and fold in half to make it 5 cm deep; then place the fold onto the circle and staple beneath the wire to hold the two together. Punch four holes equidistant on the circle and knot ribbons through them and gather together at the top to form a knot from which the mobile can be hung.

Each letter of the alphabet can be attached to the card circle with brightly-coloured sewing thread, and a needle. Make 26 equidistant marks on the circle as a guide where to thread the letters to ensure that they are evenly spaced. Note that the lengths are not even, to add rhythm to the letters.

Impress the parents in your community with the variety of material in your library - you will see, compiling this display will be as easy as the ABC!

Template for letters to be enlarged for use in the display. (See page 41.)

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qrstuvwxyz

ABCDEFGG

HJKLMN

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VWXYZ @