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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Services Targeted for ChildrenBy Virginia AllainThis guide recognizes the fact that many libraries have no children's specialist and offers practical tips on how any library can provide basic children's services. The author covers all aspects of children's services, including storytime, other types of programming, collection development, booktalks, displays, and more. She also describes basic differences between serving children and serving adults. (summary by South TX Library System)This covers the ever-so-important services for children in your community. Although many libraries don't have the budget for a specialist, there are ways to squeeze in the necessary activities and services. Make it easier for yourself, by getting this book to find the way to do it.

A companion to the popular Bare Bones Young Adult Services, this handy new reference offers practical insights on the basics of library services for children. The "bare bones" approach recognizes the reality that there are libraries either without or low on children's specialists, due to budget or size constraints or to staff turnover. As children and families continue to be key constituents of the library, it is vital that the staff serving this powerful group knows what works and what doesn't. A quick primer for generalists, this installment in the Bare Bones series covers children's

services, programming, and promotion of books and the library, along the way pointing out practical differences between children and adult library users. Written in easy-to-digest modules and packed with helpful tips, this customer-focused book will help you to: Adapt adult reference and readers' advisory skills to your work with children. Offer age-appropriate materials for all levels. Provide homework help. Tell a good story to a captive audience. Set up and publicize programs that build alliances between parents, caretakers, teachers, and librarians. This hands-on summary, full of specific and easy-to-implement ideas, will help you to serve children in the best possible way, even if you are not a full-time children's librarian.

..".filled with practical, easily applied ideas and techniques. Particularly valuable are the many sample programs in such areas as storytelling and talks to parents."About the AuthorAnitra T. Steele is a children's specialist at Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri. She trains librarians who are not children's specialists in the system's 29 branches. Coordinator of the summer reading program, she serves on the Missouri Youth Summer Library Program Committee. Former editor of the ALSC newsletter, she also contributed a chapter to Zena Sutherland's textbook, *Children Books* (Addison-Wesley). The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, is an organization that supports the profession of children's librarianship and is a leading authority on children's library services.