

More information

These activities are easy and fun for kids of all ages.

Use them all day - at home, in the car - anywhere you and your child are together.

For more information on early literacy library programs, contact your local librarian.



Hours

Monday - Friday
0:00 a.m. - 0:00 p.m.

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Help your child get ready to read!



5 simple ways to help your child develop language and literacy skills.

Talk

Have two way conversations with your children - children learn language by listening.

Respond to what they say and add words to stretch their vocabulary.

If English isn't your first language, speak to your children in the language you know best.

Talk while you prepare meals, do chores, get ready for bed, go to work and school in the morning.

Limit television time.

Sing

Sing the alphabet song so the child learns the letters.

Sing nursery rhymes so children hear the different sounds in words.

Play music designed for children.

Read

Reading together is the most important way to help children get ready to read. It increases vocabulary and general knowledge and it helps children understand how print works and how books are put together. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to enjoy reading themselves.

- ☐ Use books to teach new words. As you read, talk about what these words mean.
- ☐ Have books within easy reach or in a special spot in the house.
- ☐ Visit the library often. Read every day.

Write

- Encourage scribbling by providing many opportunities to write and draw. Keep crayons and paper on a table where children can return again and again.
- ☐ Get lowercase magnetic letters for the refrigerator or make letters from cardboard or paper for the children to play with.
- ☐ Have them sign their drawings to develop hand-eye coordination and build up their writing muscles. Children also begin to understand that writing represents words.

Play

- Play helps children think symbolically so give them plenty of unstructured playtimes.
- Encourage dramatic play with puppets or stuffed animals. Making up stories this way develops narrative skills so children understand that stories have a beginning, middle and end.
- Have a prop box of inexpensive items that children can use for imaginative play.

