WELCOME!

We're glad you're here!

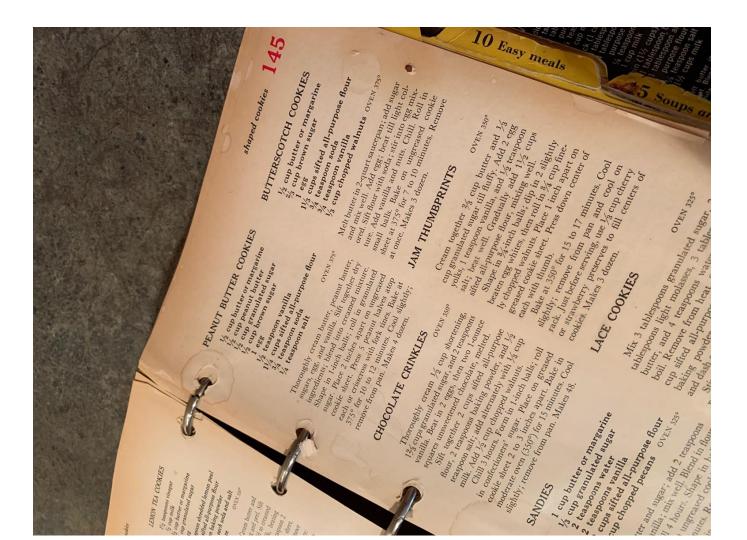
Today, we will:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Why Early Literacy?
- How Do Libraries Work to Build Early Literacy Skills?
- Reflections
- Closing

Introductions







Early Literacy

What babies, toddlers, and

preschoolers know about

communication, reading, and

writing BEFORE they can

actually talk, read and write.



Why Early Literacy Matters

• Brains grow fastest from 0-5.

• Babies' brains make **1 million neural connections** every single second!

Why Early Literacy Matters

• It helps prevent future gaps in education, health, income and even lowers incarceration rates.

• For every \$1 invested in high-quality early education, the return on investment is approximately \$7.30 (2017 NBER Study)

How Do Libraries Build Early Literacy?

North Plains: Imagination Station

Play and Learn



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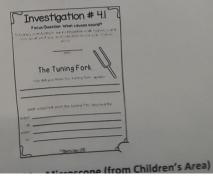
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- stethoscope
- · clip board
- · band aids
- . X-rays
- Jumbo craft sticks
- Prescription pad
- Dry Erase Markers



SCIENTIST

- Lab coat
- Goggles
- Rubber gloves
- Funnels
- Jumbo Craft Sticks
- · Clip board
- Measuring cups
- Jumbo craft sticks
- Test Tubes
- Tuning Fork (cup & paper)
- X-Rays
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Whatcom County: Kits for Grown-ups & Early Childhood Educators

Early Literacy Storytelling Kit



Preschool Theme Kit



Springfield: Welcome, Baby! Bags

Welcome Baby!

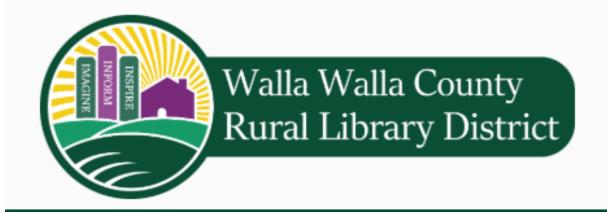


Welcome Baby!



Walla Walla: Ready for Kindergarten Outreach

Walla Walla Ready for Kindergarten



Opportunity to Reflect

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North Plains: Summer Reading Bingo

BOOK BABY BINGO

SUMMER READING 2019

Baby needs your help to get ready to read: Read and Write, Talk and Sing, don't forget to play !

To play, do each activity listed below with your little one. Put a star on the square upon completion to earn a Bingo. Win with a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line. Turn in your completed Bingo to enter a fun drawing.

Read baby a picture book about space.	Draw or scribble farm animals.	Play with a puppet (we can give you one).	Play a counting game with baby.	Take your little one to a summer reading event.	
Read baby a book from Oregon.	Adopt a stuffy, tell your little one how to care for it.	Make something together using cotton balls.	Sing a silly song to your little one.	Do a puzzle with your little one.	
Read baby a book set somewhere far away.	Take baby on a walk and tell baby what you see and hear.	Visit www.wccls.org /ready-read & try a finger play.	Play a board game with your little one.	Sing a Lullaby with your little one.	

Springfield: We Intentionally Include Ways to Build Early Literacy in ALL our Programs

Springfield **Kids** Ready to Read



Whatcom: Diaper Changing Station Posters

Changing Table Tunes



Walla Walla: Helping staff learn and grow

All of Us are Learning and Growing



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

Opportunity to Reflect

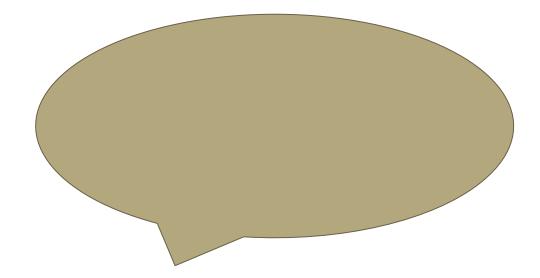
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The Early Literacy Bottom Line:

Every day, libraries help build early literacy in their communities by offering opportunities for families to sing, talk, play, and read together.





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Web Resources (also on Handout)

Investing in Early Literacy and Early Childhood Pays Off:

- National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper (draft): <u>https://www.nber.org/papers/w23479.pdf?sy=479</u>
- University of Chicago Heckman Compilation: https://heckmanequation.org/resource/4-big-benefits-of-investing-in-early-childhood-development/

Latest Research on Early Literacy:

- University of Washington iLabs Brain Development Research: <u>http://ilabs.uw.edu/</u>
- University of Washington VIEWS2 Storytime Research: <u>http://views2.ischool.uw.edu/</u>

Fun and Easy Ways to support Brain Development and Early Literacy with Kids You Know:

VROOM: <u>https://www.vroom.org/</u>

Examples of Library Resources:

- Ready Set Kindergarten Classes at Beaverton City Library: <u>https://www.beavertonlibrary.org/325/Ready-Set-Kindergarten</u>
- Whatcom County Library System Early Literacy Kit (Example): <u>https://wcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/224296150</u>
- Whatcom County Library System Preschool Theme Kit (Example): <u>https://wcls.bibliocommons.com/item/show/31215150</u>