



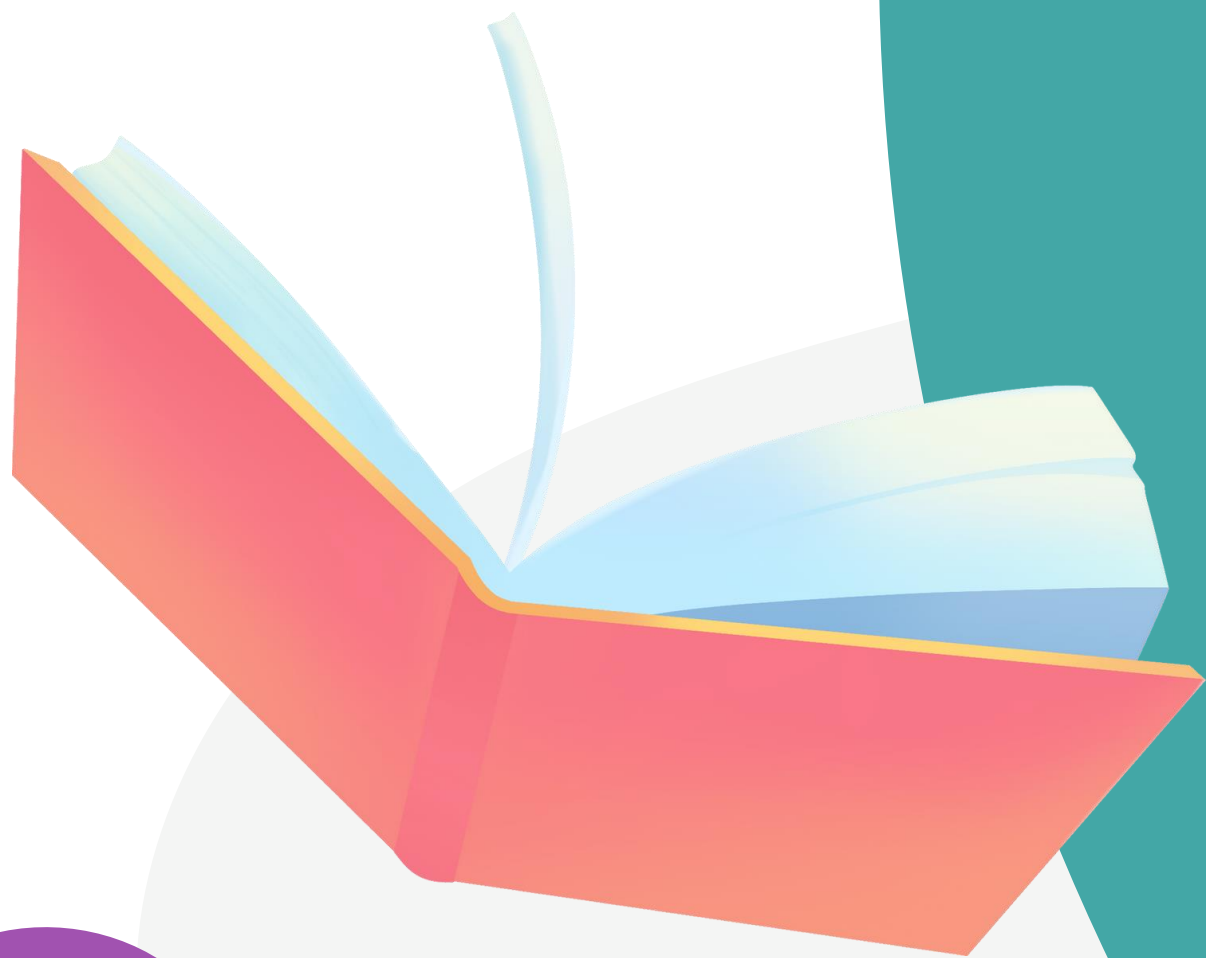
# *Early Literacy in library programs*

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# *What is Early Literacy ?*



# *Early Literacy*

Activities that very young children do and the skills they cultivate to begin understanding reading and writing.

Early Literacy begins at birth.



# *What are Early Literacy Skills?*



# *Early Literacy Skills*

- Phonological Awareness
- Vocabulary
- Letter Knowledge
- Print Awareness
- Print Motivation
- Narrative Skills

# *Phonological Awareness*

Ability to hear and play with the  
smaller sounds in words

Ex: Blending Sounds:

/c/ /a/ /t/ = cat

# *Vocabulary*

Learning and knowing the meanings of words

Ex: What does the word "cat" mean?



# *Print Awareness*

Knowing that print has meaning and is organized in a particular way, knowing how to handle a book, and know how to follow the written word on the page

Ex: Reading sentences from left to right

# *Letter Knowledge*

Knowing that letters are different from each other, knowing letter names and sounds, and recognizing letters everywhere

Ex: Recognizing the letter "C" and "L" are different

# *Print Motivation*

Being interested in and enjoying books

Ex: Reading books together

# *Narrative Skills*

Describing things and events, telling stories, knowing the order of events, and making predictions

Ex: Ask open ended questions



# *How to practice and build these skills?*

Singing

Talking

Reading

Writing

Playing

*How does the  
library help  
children learn and  
practice these  
Early Literacy  
Skills?*



# *Library Programs*

Baby and Me Storytime  
Family Storytime  
Music and Movement  
Sensory Exploration  
and much more.....

# Family Storytime

Sing, Talk, Read, Write, & Play

Phonological Awareness	Say Nursery Rhymes, sing to hear individual syllables, make animal sound, point out rhyming words, use song books, books with alliteration and rhyming words,
Vocabulary	Songs have words not heard in every day conversations, Talk about concepts (color, shape, size), Have children draw a picture and tell you about it
Print Awareness	As singing song, put up pictures and words of some of the items, Hold up a favorite book upside or start reading it backwards from the last page to encourage talk
Letter Knowledge	Talk about the letters , Sing the Alphabet song, scribble, draw shapes
Print Motivation	Encourage children to guess and predict what might happen, Read books of topics of interest, Have children draw or write down what they know on topics
Narrative Skills	Encourage children to retell stories, Embed conversation into every day routines such as bathtime, dinnertime, etc, Read with expression, Share songs that tell a story



# Music & Motion

## Sing, Talk, & Play

Phonological Awareness	Say Nursery Rhymes, sing to hear individual sounds, make animal sounds, clap out words and syllables
Vocabulary	babies handle objects and toys describe how they feel, what they look like, sounds they make, many songs help with concepts such as opposites, size, shapes,
Print Awareness	Have flipcharts of words to songs to follow along, Point out pictures/ text represent real things,
Letter Knowledge	Sing songs that highlight shapes, Play with blocks, Make observations comparing items,
Narrative Skills	Go through a sequence, Dramatic Play, talk about concepts

# *Importance of Play*

- Play enhances learning and practicing of early literacy skills
- Play is how young children learn about themselves and their world

# *Play Type Program*

- Library Playdate
- Build A Bit
- Play Zone
- Baby Play Date
- 1-2-3 Grow With Me Workshop

# Family Place Play Areas

Two Family Place Certified Libraries:

- Ben F. McDonald Library
- Owen R. Hopkins Library







Early literacy plays an important role in a child's life.

Libraries help children learn and practice the early literacy skills needed for their future.

*Thank you!*

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