

National Strategy for Early Literacy

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Public Libraries: Community places for promoting and providing Early Literacy

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Public Libraries

- Over 3000 service points in communities right across the country
- Service and resources in many languages
- Strong community partnerships

Early Literacy in public libraries

- Public libraries play a lead role in their communities in promoting and supporting early literacy
 - Direct services and programs
 - Partnerships with community organizations
 - Support to parents, caregivers and teachers in the community

Programs for literacy and reading

Young children and their families

- Newborn book bags/kits
- Strong collections of freely available books and resources
- Staff trained to help parents find and use resources for themselves and their children
- Interactive storytimes and programs
- Every Child Ready to Read

Every Child Ready to Read @ your library

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Programs for literacy and reading

School aged children

- Book clubs, special events , author visits
- Support to local schools and homeschoolers
- Summer reading club.

Promoting early literacy



Library Outreach

- School, child care centres
- Local health and literacy fairs
- Community centres
- Workplace learning
- Prenatal and parenting classes

Promoting early literacy

Work with community partners

- Early years centres
- Best Start
- Community health centres
- Big brothers Big Sisters
- Multicultural agencies

Promoting early literacy



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CHAQUE ENFANT PRÉPARE À LA LECTURE

Vous pouvez aider votre enfant à se préparer à la lecture. Découvrez les six aptitudes précieuses à la lecture que les enfants doivent acquérir pour apprendre à lire.

Communication narrative

Décrite des choses et des événements, et raconte des histoires.

Conscience phonologique

Prendre conscience et jouer avec les différents sons d'un mot.

Connaissance des lettres

Comprendre les lettres qui sont des lettres, reconnaître leur nom et le son qu'elles produisent.

Initiation à l'écriture

Reconnaître l'écriture, savoir manipuler un livre et suivre les mots de la page.

Motivation à lire

Le plaisir de lire et de se préparer.

Vocabulaire

Comprendre le nom des choses.

Les aptitudes à la lecture sont précieuses, mais elles ne se développent pas toutes seules. Elles se développent grâce à l'aide de parents, d'enseignants et d'autres adultes.

Plus les enfants sont exposés à la lecture, plus ils ont de chances d'apprendre à lire.

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Promotional campaigns

- Bus campaigns
- Newspaper campaigns – card campaigns
- Family Literacy Day events



EVERY CHILD READY TO READ @ your library
www.opl.on.ca

Did you know that singing nursery rhymes with your kids can help them learn to read?

Ideas and tips at Oakville Public Library

Early literacy spaces



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Library spaces are open,
accessible and appealing to
families.

In many communities the public
library is the only space
where families can gather at
no charge.

Public libraries are working hard
to create spaces that help
tell the “early literacy story”

Why the public library?

- Service points in communities right across the country
- Trained staff working with many partner agencies
- In many communities the public library provides the best hours and access to free materials.
- Early literacy has been a cornerstone service in public libraries for many years.
- Open access to the whole community – parents , caregivers, teachers, child care professionals, researchers...