

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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CHIQUE 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**
Draquer des choses et des événements, et raconter des histoires.
- Conscience phonologique**
Pouvoir entendre et jouer avec les différents sons d'un mot.
- Connaissance des lettres**
Comprendre les lettres qui forment les mots, 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 représenter.
- Vocabulaire**
Connaître le nom des choses.

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Research Project

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

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Early literacy spaces



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”

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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...