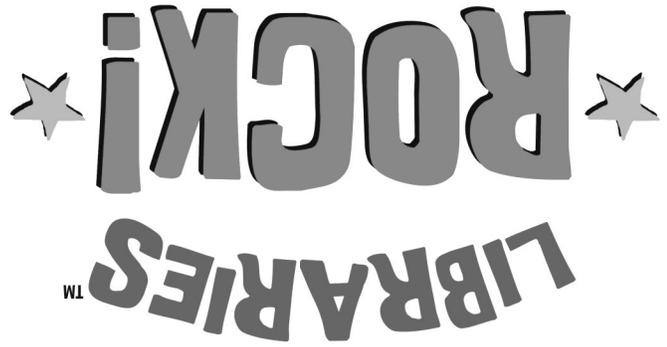


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## Early Literacy Log Ages 0-3 June 20-August 15, 2018



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### **Early Literacy is what children learn about reading and writing before they can actually read and write.**

There are six Early Literacy skills your child can start learning from birth:

1. **Print motivation** - being interested in and enjoying books.
2. **Phonological awareness** - being able to hear the smaller sounds in words.
3. **Vocabulary** - knowing the names of things.
4. **Narrative skills** - being able to describe things and events and tell stories.
5. **Print awareness** - noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow words on a page.
6. **Letter knowledge** - knowing letters are different from each other; knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

### **Our storytimes help build these Early Literacy skills:**

#### **Itty Bitty Storytime**

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM for ages 0-36 months with a caregiver. Runs June 26-August 14.

#### **Storytime in the Park**

Fridays at 12:00 in Abbie Griffin June 29-Aug 17  
Wednesdays at 4:00 in Veteran's July 11-Aug 15

**Ask for our calendar of events for info on more library activities for you and your family.**

**June 20:** Start recording activities. Color, stamp or mark a shape each time you complete an Early Literacy Activity.

**When you've colored in all 24,** bring the log back to the Children's Room and your child will receive a certificate and a board book.

**August 15:** Last day to record activities.

**August 25:** Last day to pick up your prizes.



Recite or sing a nursery rhyme and add some actions

Talk with your child as you shop

Play with simple puzzles

Sing along to some songs together.

Describe the colors and shapes of your child's toys

Have your toddler scribble or draw

Talk about the pictures in a book

Talk with your child about things you do together

Let your baby play with different kinds of books: board books, touch & feel, lift the flaps

Play "I Spy" with your child

Let your child see YOU reading a book or magazine. Read a little out loud to your child

Do a song and finger play such as "Itsy Bitsy Spider"

Cuddle your child as you read

After reading a book, tell the story without the book

Come to the library and choose books to read to your baby

Use pots, pans, lids, wooden spoons to make a pots & pan band

Talk with your child about how food tastes

Sing the alphabet song while flipping through an alphabet book

Read a rhyming book and emphasize the rhyming words

When looking at animal books, make the sounds the animals make

While dressing or playing, name body parts for your child

Share a book with your child

Point out letters on toys, in books, and on objects around the house

Clap the syllables in your child's name, your name, names of family

***We encourage these activities and more like them all year long!***