

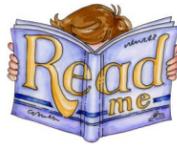


encouraging Discovery, connecting the Community and leading in Literacy

**Bragtown Library
Family Literacy Center**

*Helping children and adults
succeed in school and life.*

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Summer Reading Midpoint Rally

**Saturday, July 11
5:00 pm- 8:00 pm**

Durham Central Park
(a.k.a. The Downtown Farmer's Market)

Come out and enjoy
food trucks, music, storytelling, and
more! For more information visit
www.durhamcountylibrary.org



Linked to Literacy

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." -Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Kindergarten Readiness



Reading together- shared reading- is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.

Reading together increases vocabulary and general knowledge. It helps children learn how print looks and how books work.

Shared reading also helps children develop an interest in reading. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.

HELPFUL TIPS

1.) Read every day!

2.) Make shared reading interactive. Before you begin a book, look at the cover and predict what the book is about. Have your child turn the book's pages. Ask questions as you read and listen to what your child says. When you finish the book, ask your child to retell the story.

3.) Use books to help teach new words. Books can teach less common words that children may not hear in everyday conversation. As you read, talk about what these words mean.

Source: ALA Brochure, *Every Child Ready to Read*

Summer 2015

a newsletter for adults interested in the edification of children ages zero to five.

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The Daycare Corner



Parents need to consider a number of factors when looking for a home daycare provider. The North Carolina Star Rated License system can help.

The Division of Child Development issues star rated licenses to all eligible child care centers and family child care homes.

For more information visit http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/parents/pr_sn2_ov_sr.asp or <http://ncchildcaresearch.dhhs.state.nc.us/>

Number and Letter of the Month

3

English: Three
Spanish: Tres (Trays)
French: Trois (Twah)
Chinese: Sān (Sang)

Gg Gg

Sight Words Starting With
The Letter G:
Good, go, green, get, going



SOURCE: <http://www.waynecountyschools.org/Page/25250>
Image SOURCE: <http://www.first-school.ws/t/alpha1/g.html>

Activity of the Month



There are tons of things you can do this summer to make learning letters and spelling fun! If you are having a day out in the park, or even just playing outside on your driveway, bring chalk with you. With chalk you can:

1) Ask your child to draw pictures. Many of the things they draw are things that they see in their natural world: Sun, Cat, etc. You can ask them to spell out the names of things that they draw.

2) You can create a trail of ABC's. Your child can walk, run, jump the trail. Afterwards you can bring the child to a spot not on the trail of letters, and have them run to the letter of your choosing. This will help in letter recognition, and children will remember this activity!

Another thing you can try is going to the dollar store and grabbing a cookie sheet and alphabet magnets. Write down some sight words from https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/media/images/pdfs/SightWord_List_1-300.pdf

And have them match the spelling. Ask your child to sound out the word, as well as spelling the word

out loud.

Once they can spell those sight words, use pictures from old magazines, newspapers, online, etc. Have them spell "bed" only seeing a picture of a bed. Later on they can spell words that rhyme with "bed."

Source: <http://blog.maketaketeach.com/the-cookie-sheet-challenge/#>

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Read and Watch

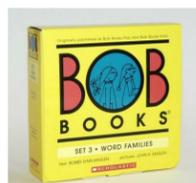
Book

Bob Books: Set 3 Word Families

by Bobby Lynn Maslen

In Bob Books Set 3, children progress gently into the next steps of reading. Consonant blends, endings, and a few sight words advance reading skills and create more complex stories.

Use of word families make longer stories more manageable. Children love the eight books and hilarious pictures. They delight in two fun-to-do activity books.



DVD

Phonics Fantasy Dance

Dance along with us as Ms. CJay and friends take you on a Phonics adventure where letter-sounds are brought to life through African Dance moves. Your child will love this total body approach to Phonics where children can learn by doing. We use a

multi-sensory approach to learning where exploring the way letter-sounds are made is key to unlocking reading and spelling success!



SOURCE: Durham County Library Catalog

Parents Place



Question: How do I Find the Time to Read to my Child?



"It's Just 20 minutes." Though it is a small amount of time, it is sometimes hard to find those extra minutes in your routine to read to your child. According to the Population Reference Bureau, married mothers had the most time with their children: which averaged to 1.82 hours a week. 20 minutes is a tenth (at best) of your time with your child, and it does not take dinner, bedtime routine, sickness or any extra curriculars into account. How can you read to your child on THOSE days? Luckily there are things you can do. If you have an older child, have them read to their younger sibling. They will bond, as well as getting the necessary reading for both children. There are digital resources as well. You can find ebooks through the library, children's stories read by librarians and storytellers on Youtube, Read alongs are another option. All you need is a device that reads a C.D. out loud, and your child will be read to while you have some necessary time you need until you can read to your child. If you know you are going to have a

hectic day, you can even use this option in the car on the way home. If you do not have a cd player in the car, make up stories! Use different vocabulary, tell a story about a family member, make up a story about them, or their favorite character. They will have a laugh, and you are bonding as well as working on their literacy and listening skills. If you were not able to tell them a story or listen to a story on the way home, you can fit storytelling in another part of their nightly routine. Tell them stories during their nightly bath or dinner. There are also DVDs and streams of books and reading programs. Programs like Super Why, Wishbone, etc. make reading fun for children. While nothing compares to you spending time reading to your child, or your child seeing you physically reading: there is help for those days where you cannot seem to find the time to get those 20 minutes in.

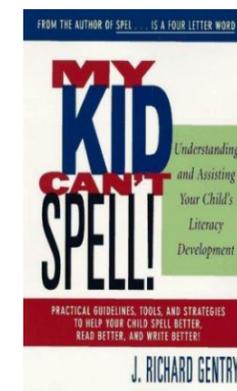
Source: <http://www.prb.org/Publications/Articles/2007/DoParentsSpendEnoughTimeWithTheirChildren.aspx>

Suggested Books and DVD Titles:

Book

My Kid Can't Spell: Understanding and Assisting Your Child's Literacy Development
by J. Richard Gentry

My Kid Can't Spell is a readable and accessible handbook for parents that play a more active role in their child's reading, writing, and spelling development. Spelling, after all, impacts virtually every aspect of reading and writing, and it is the key to unlocking literacy. But helping your child with spelling can be confusing. When is the right time to correct misspelled words? How can you help your child move to the next level of development? What are the important underlying concepts to reinforce? Spelling expert J. Richard Gentry offers timely and practical solutions to many problems parents of K-8 children face. The book is packed with tools, guidelines, and strategies that parents can immediately use including: development guideposts to track children's literacy, tips for helping children progress through early spelling stages, a spelling test to determine children's level of spelling, strategies to help children visualize words, guidelines for identifying poor spelling at school, ways to recognize if a child has a spelling disability.



DVD

Waiting for Superman

Provided is an engaging and inspiring look at public education in the United States. This documentary has helped launch a movement to achieve a real and lasting change through the compelling stories of five unforgettable students such as Emily, a Silicon Valley eighth-grader who is afraid of being labeled as unfit for college, and Francisco, a Bronx first-grader whose mom will do anything to give him a shot at a better life. Included are featurettes, and commentary.



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