



READ WRITE SING PLAY TALK

SIMPLE STEPS FOR SUMMER LITERACY!

June 7-August 2, 2025 | Birth to Kindergarten

Prepare your child for success with the five Simple Steps below!

How to Participate

- Receive a free book just by signing up!
- When you complete an early literacy activity from the list, mark your progress!
- When you've **read 15 books AND completed 15 activities** together, bring the completion slip to any DMPL building to get a prize and be entered into our grand prize drawing! Slips must be turned in by August 2.
- You can complete the program as many times as you want, but you'll only get one book at signup.



Read 15 books



Complete 15 early literacy activities from the list below:
Activities may be repeated or adapted to your child's developmental needs.

READ

Creating a love of reading will help your child learn for the rest of their lives!

- ☐ Read signs and point to letters around your home or neighborhood.
- ☐ Point to pictures and words in a book as you read.
- ☐ Check out a STEM or literacy kit from the library.
- ☐ Attend a library storytime.

WRITE

Scribbling, drawing, and using their finger muscles will help prepare your child to write!

- ☐ Practice holding a crayon or pencil.
- ☐ Complete a puzzle together.
- ☐ Practice counting fingers and toes.
- ☐ Draw a picture and talk about it.

SING

Singing helps your child hear the sounds of words and helps build vocabulary!

- ☐ Sing a song with words that rhyme.
- ☐ Sing a lullaby or song at bedtime.
- ☐ Play music with household items.
- ☐ Make up a silly song about cleaning up your toys.

PLAY

Playtime allows your child to develop their creativity, vocabulary, and social skills!

- ☐ Pretend to be a community helper and act out their day.
- ☐ Play together with friends or siblings.
- ☐ Build a blanket fort with your family.
- ☐ Practice making faces in a mirror based on different emotions.

TALK

Asking questions and talking with your child will help them learn new words!

- ☐ Identify simple shapes in your neighborhood.
- ☐ Describe and compare items in your house based on size, shape, or color.
- ☐ Practice color identification in the grocery store.
- ☐ Talk about a character's emotions as you read a story.

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Age: _____ **Return to any DMPL location**