



Summer Adventure Early Literacy Activities Ages 0-4



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- Add books to every room of your house & your car. Storytime can happen anywhere!
- Talk about the pictures in the books you read.
- Mix up storytime with a book you can sing.
- Memorize a short children's book & recite it to your child throughout the days.
- Read a book of your own. When children see parents reading, they'll want to learn to do it too!
- Download and listen to an audiobook together with our OverDrive service at tcpl.org.
- Parents, join our Adult Summer Reading Program! It's a great way to stay on track with modeling reading for your child.



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BABIES

- Narrate what you do as you go through your daily routines. This helps your baby connect words with objects & actions.
 - Even if your baby isn't yet talking, you can still engage in conversation by listening to baby's sounds then responding.
 - Babies enjoy books with photographs. Check out a book with photos of babies or try making your own book using family photos.
 - Children can sign before they can speak. Learn some baby signs!
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TODDLERS

- Run your finger under the words as you read them & point out the title & author of each book.
 - Prepare your kids for what is coming next in the day by talking about it. This also helps them understand how to tell a story.
 - When reading, periodically pause & let your child fill in the next word. Or encourage them to tell you the story!
 - Encourage play that involves naming, describing, & communicating.
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PRESCHOOLERS

- Ask your child to explain what happens in his/her favorite book & why it is a favorite.
 - Help your child identify familiar letters. Show them that these letters spell important words, like their own name.
 - When out & about, ask your child to look out for a specific word on signs. Anytime they point it out, celebrate!
 - Read a book together & then encourage your child to draw a picture about the story.
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