

Early Childhood Resources at Pennsylvania's Public Libraries

Welcome to your public library!

You are invited to visit your local library in person or online to explore the many educational, enriching and useful materials and information free to parents, educators, and children.

Many of these distinctive, quality services for early childhood education (birth through pre-K) will be available:

- **Books & Audiovisual Materials** including a wide assortment of board books, big books, music, audiobooks, DVDs, computer programs, and more.
- **The POWER Library** will take you to online databases & websites where you will find ideas, activities, and research from professional literature available to you 24/7 from any Internet computer.
 - Novelist K-8 enables you to find titles, reviews, and synopses of age appropriate books on a variety of themes by subject, author, title, or keyword that can be saved on personalized lists.
 - DartClix links you to high quality websites on early childhood education.
 - The Professional Development Collection and ERIC offer a fabulous array of information and materials for early childhood practitioners' education.
- **Story Times** at your library offer preschoolers an engaging experience with books.
- **The Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child** program selects a pre-literacy book every April that young children across the Commonwealth read. This national award winning program prompts child care centers, pre-schools and libraries to plan events and activities related to the theme of the selected children's book. Part of the "One Book" experience includes interactive, hands-on activities from a traveling trunk that align with Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Education.
- **Parent and Teacher Resources** are available in book and DVD formats on any number of topics, concerns, and ideas sure to be helpful to parents and early childhood educators alike.
- **Brochures** like those listed below are available as well. Just go to your library or online at www.statelibrary.state.pa.us. Click on "Resources for PA Libraries" then "Resources for Public Libraries."
 - *It's Never too Early: Great Books to Share with Infants and Toddlers*
 - *101 Great Picture Books for Preschoolers*
 - *Healthy Bodies: Promoting Good Nutrition and Movement with Preschoolers Through Picture Books*
 - *Easy things you can do at home to raise readers ...and raise writers*
- **Family Place Libraries** have specially designed spaces, programs and resources for children and offer professionally taught parent/child workshops. For locations visit www.familyplacelibraries.org.
- **Teacher Cards or Institutional Cards** extend special borrowing privileges to help meet the unique needs of educators at many libraries.
- **Ask** if you don't find what you want.
 - Public libraries can borrow materials for you from other libraries through interlibrary loan.
 - Take advantage of the Statewide Library Card program where your library card becomes a passport to other public libraries throughout Pennsylvania.

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