

Getting Children Ready to Read



Free Workshops
for
Child Care Providers, Teachers, and Parents of Young Children
with activities to support the development of reading readiness skills.

Bronx Library Center, Children's Room,
310 East Kingsbridge Road,
Bronx, NY 10458
Please register at (718) 579-4220. Childcare not available.

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. to noon

October 7, 2006 – *Sensory Activities for Young Children* with Debbie Silver from Child Care Resources of Rockland, Incorporated. Explore a variety of fun sensory activities – tearing, scrunching, painting, and making bubbles, to name a few.

November 4, 2006 – *Creating a Literacy Rich Environment* with Gary King from Putnam Child Development Center and Queens College. Find out how the physical space around young children can encourage the skills needed for reading.

December 2, 2006 – *Learning About the Alphabet through Sight, Sound, and Touch* with Emily Levy from EBL Coaching. Letters in the sand, letters on chalkboards, letters in the air – letters, letters, everywhere!

January 13, 2007 – *Reading to Squiggly, Wiggly Toddlers* with Susan Straub, director of the Read to Me program. Choosing and using the best books for toddlers.

February 3, 2007 – *Made to Measure – Young Children Do Math* with Frances Stern, Mathematics Education Consultant. Measurement is a great way to introduce young children to using numbers.

March 3, 2007 – *Art Activities with Young Children* with Tom Burnett from the Children's Museum of the Arts. Simple art activities encourage experimentation, exploration, and creative thinking.

Central Children's Room
Donnell Library Center
20 West 53rd Street
New York, New York 10019
Please register at (212) 621-0636

Saturday, November 4, 2006 – 10:30 a.m. to noon

ABCDEFGH – SING WITH ME with Cathy Bollinger.

Singer-songwriter Cathy Bollinger has been working with children through music for more than 20 years. Ms. Bollinger received her Master of Arts in creative arts therapy from Drexel University College of Medicine. Her album, Toddlin' Tunes, is a 2005 Silver Parents Choice Award Winner. Based on her latest album, Alphabet Jam, this workshop will introduce some fun ways that songs and rhymes can be used to help build early reading skills in young children.

Donnell Library Center, Auditorium
20 West 53rd Street
New York, New York 10019
Please register at (212) 340-0977

Saturday, March 10, 2007 – 10:30 a.m. to noon

GROW YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN WITH SONGS AND GAMES with Jackie Silberg.

Jackie Silberg is the author of over 20 books on child development. Her books include 125 Brain Games for Babies, Games to Play with Toddlers, and The Learning Power of Laughter. She is also a singer and songwriter for children and has produced many popular CDs. A young child's brain grows at a phenomenal rate in the first years of life. This workshop includes songs, poems, chants, fingerplays, and games that develop the brain capacity of young children teach them important early literacy skills. Find out more about Ms. Silberg at her website, www.jackiesilberg.com.

Early Childhood Resource & Information Center
66 Leroy St. (between 7th Avenue and Hudson Street)
New York, NY 10014
Please register at 212-929-0815 or ecc@nypl.org

Thursday, October 6, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Building Young Children's Literacy Skills with Storytelling Professional storyteller LuAnn Adams will show how young children need to learn how stories "work," and she'll send adults away with two new stories they've learned to share!

Friday, October 13, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

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Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Creating a Literacy Rich Environment with Gary King from Putnam Child Development Center and Queens College. Find out how the physical space around young children can encourage the skills needed for reading.

Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Action Racket Theatre's Salon. Lois Kagan Mingus and Joanie Heiger Zosike engage everybody with theatrical tools, leading to early childhood pre-literacy skills, imagination, comprehension and group play.

Friday, December 8, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Learning About the Alphabet through Sight, Sound, and Touch with Emily Levy from EBL Coaching. Letters in the sand, letters on chalkboards, letters in the air – letters, letters, everywhere!

Friday, January 12, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Reading to Squiggly, Wiggly Toddlers with Susan Straub, director of the Read to Me program. Choosing and using the best books for toddlers.

Thursday January 25, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

The Art of Eric Carle with Jeannette Ornstein, arts educator. In this make-and-take session learn how award-winning children's author/illustrator Eric Carle creates his pictures (and stories), and how children can too!

Friday, February 2, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

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Friday, March 2, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. – Noon

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