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What is Early Literacy?

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Children prepare to read long before they enter school. Early literacy is everything children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Early literacy is a baby who chews on a book, a toddler who wants his favorite book read over and over, and a preschooler who "reads" a story to you from memory.



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Early literacy skills begin developing in the first 5 years of life. We know that your child's likelihood for success in school depends on how much she's learned about reading before going to school. The most important thing you can do to foster early literacy is to provide an atmosphere that's fun, verbal, and stimulating...not school-like. When you read, talk, or play with your child, you're stimulating the growth of your child's brain. Brain development research shows that reading aloud to your child every day increases his brain's capacity for language and reading skills, and is the most important thing you can do to prepare him for learning to read.

To promote early literacy skills and provide social interaction for preschoolers, the Weston Public Library offers preschool storytime every Wednesday morning at 10:00. Our Wednesday morning storytimes are focused on helping your kids learn about books and reading, and providing an opportunity for social interaction. A typical storytime might include read-aloud time, simple snacks and crafts, music, and most important of all, fun. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend with preschoolers of all ages. Please join us on Wednesday mornings and see for yourself!

New at the Library

- *This I Believe*, J. Allison, ed.
- *Fractured*, by Karin Slaughter
- *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski
- *Baby Mama*, DVD
- *Comfort Food*, by Kate Jacobs

Popcorn Not Included

Thanks to Friends of Weston Library, we now have DVDs available for check out at the library! All are G or PG rated, have been carefully selected, and cover a variety of genres. The latest addition is the critically acclaimed series *Planet Earth*, produced by the Discovery Channel and PBS and narrated by David Attenborough. This stunning DVD captures the rare action and impossible locations of our planet's wildest creatures and places.

Other new DVDs in the collection include all the *Harry Potter* movies; documentaries on such subjects as World War II and the Alamo; children's favorites *Bee Movie*, *The Wiggles*, and *Because of Winn Dixie*; how-to films covering topics like gardening and ballroom dancing; westerns, including *True Grit*; and classics like *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *I Love Lucy*.