

Family Literacy Week Planning Guide

For School Age

January 21 - January 28 • 2012



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An initiative of the KFL&A Children's Literacy Committee

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27 and is sponsored by ABC Canada. Typically, it is a one-day event to encourage family participation in literacy activities (e.g. Family Story Times, Storytelling Programs, Read-a-thons, Family Literacy Nights, Book Fairs, Special Visits to the Public Library).

This year, consider planning a ‘Family Literacy Week’ for the children in your program. This guide outlines a wide variety of activities, events and resources to support your program.

Early Expressions Preschool Speech and Language

Community Members

Kingston Frontenac Public Library

Kingston Literacy



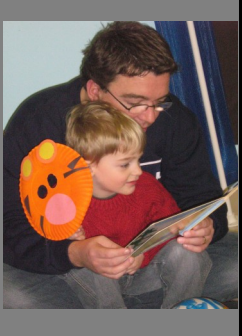

Lennox and Addington Public Library

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	4 – 6 YEARS	
Speaking & Listening		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have fun speaking loudly, softly, quickly or slowly together; consider recording this activity • Make a simple puppet to retell a favourite story and provide a puppet play or poem for children to take home • Ask families to use the puppets their children bring home to stage a puppet show • Here are some resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five Little Monkeys and finger puppet templates are available in PDF format at: www.familyliteracyexpertise.org/Resources/pdf/EY/nov/MonkeyBusiness.pdf
Reading		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add wordless books to your reading area; encourage children to tell the story • Invite parents to a short wordless book “reading session” at lunch or at the end of the day • Have handouts about wordless books available for parents • Here are some resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wordless Book Handout for Parents www.familyliteracyexpertise.org/Training/ebull/WordlessBooksTipSheetforParents.pdf - For family literacy games night ideas visit: www.familyliteracyexpertise.org/Training/flg/flg.htm - Tumble Books www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/home_tumblebooks.asp
Writing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make words using a variety of media (e.g. alphabet pasta, play dough, magnetic letters, chalk, icing tube); set up stations so children and parents can do this together • Write cumulative stories on chart paper in which each child adds the next line to a growing story; post for families to read together • Cumulative books: <i>The Cake That Mack Ate</i> by Rose Robart; <i>The Napping House</i> by Audrey Woods; <i>There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> by Pam Adams; <i>I Know an Old Teacher</i> by Anne Bowen

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	7 - 11 YEARS	
Speaking & Listening		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have students create ads to promote Family Literacy Week for school or radio announcements • Have students create jazz and rap chants to share at home; invite a dance or fitness instructor to teach the class a dance to go with a chant • Here are some resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jazz Chants for Children</i> by Carolyn Graham - PBS Kids: www.pbskids.org/jazz/ - Songs for Teaching: www.songsforteaching.com
Reading		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a local author/illustrator reading by Peggy Collins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit: www.peggycollinsillustration.com/ • Read and discuss literature related to sports and hobbies • Use computers to create rebus stories (i.e., symbols, pictures and words); send them home with children to share • Here are some resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit: www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games
Writing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to write an opinion piece about something that interests them • Create game boards with instructions for children to play with their families • Marilyn Helmer presents a workshop called <i>Ideas – Where Do Writers Get Them</i>; this workshop is available in two formats: one for grades 1-3 and one for grades 4-6. For more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit: www.marilynhelmer.com/