



Early Literacy and School Readiness Start at the Library



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BUILDING EARLY SOCIAL, LANGUAGE, MOTOR AND LITERACY SKILLS

School readiness outcomes are strongest when important goals are met and positive learning experiences begin early. Educators track these milestones using the five domains of early development: *language and literacy, approach to learning, social and emotional development, motor development and general cognition.*

Libraries across the state create programs for kids that target these five core learning areas. Learn more below about the programs and environment libraries provide to set Oklahoma families up for success.



Children who are read to by family members at least 3x a week are

Twice as Likely to Score in the Top 25% in Reading



Early reading has proven vital for a lifetime of literacy and learning

80% of Brain Development Happens by Age Three

LIBRARY PROGRAMMING AND THE FIVE DOMAINS OF EARLY LEARNING

Interactive storytimes boost language development, conceptual thinking, and memory. Stories also help kids understand their feelings better and empathize with others.

Arts and STEM activities encourage hands-on, curiosity-driven learning. From number games to finger painting, STEAM programs introduce math and fine motor skills, all while sparking creativity.

Introductory library programs such as 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Kindergarten Prep, and Kickstart Kindergarten help children build the early learning skills they need to succeed in school.

Dance and Sing-Along events support social-emotional awareness with teaching lyrics and important motor goals like crossing the midline.

Story Trails are a fresh, exciting way to practice motor skills alongside early literacy by following storybook pages down an outdoor path.