



DCPL's Early Literacy Enhanced Story Times

The Youth Services Department of Davie County Public Library is proud to offer story times enhanced with information about early literacy and how parents/caregivers can help children develop these important skills. Look for the **ELE** code on the calendar of events signifying an Early Literacy Enhanced program.

Reading is essential to school success.

Learning to read begins before children start school. From the time they are infants, children learn language and other important skills that will help them learn to read. Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school.

You can help your child get ready to read.

It's never too early or too late to help your child develop language and other early literacy skills. Here are five of the best ways for children to get ready to read.

- ❖ Talking
- ❖ Singing
- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Writing
- ❖ Playing

These activities are easy to do with children of all ages. You and your child can enjoy them throughout the day—at home, in the car, or anywhere you and your child spend time together.

Why is it important for children to get ready to read before they start school?

Children who enter kindergarten with pre-reading skills have an advantage. They can focus on learning to read instead of first learning essential pre-reading skills. Children who start kindergarten ready to read have a greater success throughout their school years.

Why are parents so important in helping children get ready to read?

You have been your child's teacher from the day he or she was born. You know more about your child than anyone else. You are in the best position to help your child get ready to read because:

- ❖ Young children have short attention spans. You can do activities for short bits of time throughout the day.
- ❖ You know your children best and you can help them learn in ways and at times that are easiest for them.
- ❖ Parents are tremendous role models—if your children see that you think reading is important and enjoy it, they will follow your lead.
- ❖ Children learn best by doing—and they love doing things with YOU.