

Ready to Read at New York Libraries

Libraries Helping Children Read to Succeed



Ready to Read at New York Libraries is an initiative of the New York State Education Department and the New York State Library designed to improve and expand the availability of high quality public library early learning services in local communities across the State. Through this early literacy initiative, families and caregivers are provided with the knowledge and resources needed to prepare their young children for their school years ahead.



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Staff Development - Partnerships - Resources

Staff development is key to the success of *Ready to Read at New York Libraries*. The State Library is using a train-the-trainer approach to train public library staff throughout New York State in the five foundation training components of the Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program:

- Early Literacy Community Asset Analysis
- Strategies for Successful Partnerships and Outreach to Families with Young Children
- Strengthening Young Families through Early Literacy Practices
- Early Learning Spaces
- Everyone Serves Families with Young Children.

In 2017, the State Library will also provide free webinars for library staff on specialized topics including early literacy skill building for partner organizations, fund raising to support library early literacy programming, and other early learning topics. Public libraries should contact their public library system for information about face-to-face training sessions in the foundation components. The list of trainers is available on the State Library website:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/cohort.htm>



2013 – 2016 Family Literacy Library Services Program is a New York State Library program providing funding to public library systems in support of early literacy training and programming for member public libraries.

Strategic partnership development is also an important factor contributing to the success of this program. An Advisory Group of professionals with early literacy expertise is working with the State Library to utilize current, and develop new connections to ensure the longevity of *Ready to Read at New York Libraries*.

Resources for parents, caregivers, early childhood professionals, and library staff include:



[Ready to Read at New York Libraries website](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/index.html)

(<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/index.html>) targets libraries and early childhood organizations and agencies to share information about the program and other early literacy resources.

DayByDayNY (<http://daybydayny.org/>) is an engaging virtual calendar that includes early literacy activities, e-picture books, and other resources so parents can play, read, talk, sing, write, and learn with their child.

[Ready to Read at New York Libraries Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/Ready2ReadNY/)

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Official partners of *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* include the Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO), the New York Library Association (NYLA) and its Youth Services Section (YSS), NYS Head Start, Reach Out and Read, Public Broadcasting Stations, Council on Children and Families, Read Aloud 15 Minutes, QUALITYstars NY, the Libraries Trustee Association of New York State (LTA), Family Reading Partnership, NYSED Office of Early Learning, Infancy Leadership Circles, New York State Parenting Education Partnership, and other organizations committed to improving early learning skill-building for families with young children across New York State.