Ready to Read Michigan:

Beyond Storytime

Early Literacy Training for Parents, Caregivers, and Early Childhood Providers
Welcome!

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RTRM Goals:

★ Equip public library staff with information, skills, and tools needed for them to promote early literacy in their community.

★ Engage Parents and Caregivers of children, ages 0-5, in Michigan with the 5 Practices of Every Child Ready to Read.

★ (New!) Engaging Early Childhood Educators with early literacy practices through songs, rhymes, and books.

www.ReadyToReadMI.org
Online Resources for libraries!

- Toolkit
- Survey
- Letterhead
- Bookmarks, Stickers/Buttons, Booklists, Reproduciples, etc.
- Flyers
- Graphics/Social
- Poster, Trifolds

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Workshops for Parents/Families
and Early Childhood Educators

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Parent & Caregiver Workshops

- Scripts
- Song Books
- Props
- Action Cards
- Signage
- Activity Stations

It’s all adaptable!
Early Childhood Provider Workshop

Growing Early Literacy Skills Through Songs & Rhymes
A Ready to Read Michigan Workshop

https://www.michigan.gov/mde/-/media/Project/Websites/mde/oqs/ckcc/mi_ckcc_61914_revisions.pdf
Early Childhood Literacy Coalition (ECLC)

Members include:
Public libraries
Library of Michigan
Head Start
Great Start Collaboratives
WKAR/PBS Kids

Clinton, Eaton & Ingham counties
Storytime + Activity Stations

- Seedlings (birth-18 mo.)
- Sprouts (18 mo.-3 years)
- Bloomers (3-5 years)
Workshops for Parents & Caregivers

Adapt to fit your style

• Script
• Songs, rhymes, books
• Structure
Workshops for Parents & Caregivers

Many ways to offer

• Regular storytimes
• Summer series
• Partner
• Outreach
Workshops for Parents & Caregivers

Activity Stations
Group Activity (Bloomers): Interviews

Pretend you are on TV and interview your guest. What do you want to ask?

Open-ended questions work best!

Take turns interviewing each other.
Workshops for Parents & Caregivers

Successes & Challenges
Group Activity (Sprouts): Animal Action Cards

Pick a card and talk about the name of the animal, the sound it makes, and the way it moves.

Take turns pretending to be the animal!

Some cards are imaginary animals. Make up your own name, sounds, and movements.
Beyond Storytime!

Engaging Early Childhood Educators with early literacy practices through songs, rhymes, and books
Workshops for Providers

Partners & Networks

- Group training & confidence building
- Resource sharing
- Decision making
Workshops for Providers

Logistics

- Timing
- Location
- Workshop adaptations
- Potential for SCECHs
Workshops for Providers

Offered 2 evening workshops

“We came together for a fun night out”
Workshops for Providers

Extending the Book

• Various techniques
  Felt Boards
  Puppetry
  Play activities
  Songs
  Re-telling

• Talk-Read-Sing-Write-Play
Workshops for Providers – Story Environment

Sharing from your own experiences - stretch creativity!
Workshops for Providers

Group Activity - Acting Out a Story
Workshops for Providers – Songs & Rhymes

The Five Practices and the Eency Weency Spider

- Draw on personal experience
- Opportunity to share & practice
- Provide props & examples - both success & failure

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Group Activity

1. Choose a rhyme
2. Point out what is already beneficial
3. Find a way to adapt it to build more skills
4. Write down your ideas
5. Share with the group
Workshops for Providers

The marvelous success of working as a team -

- sharing different perspectives & experiences
Top takeaway...

“Different voices and **emotions** for singing; felt & puppets for **play**.”

“Felt boards! Use **songs** for social emotional…”

“To start **singing** and **reading** during the **infant** stage to help them later on.”

“Children will learn as much as we want to show them to **discover**!”

“New ways to add **play** into reading books.”

What is something you will use right away in your work?

“**Read** books in different ways, more interacting, acting out, questions, extending, drawing, etc.”

“Teach about same and different, **dialogic reading**.”

“The **play** element of reading”

“Will act out **rhymes** with my kids.”

“**Clapping** out words!”
Professional Development

Growing Early Literacy Skills for Parents, Caregivers, and Early Childhood Educators Workshops

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
KDL’s Kentwood Library

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Plymouth District Library
SCECHs & MiRegistry

State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH)

Hours earned by attending professional development activities provided by SCECH Sponsors and approved by the Michigan Department of Education.
Professional Development

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