

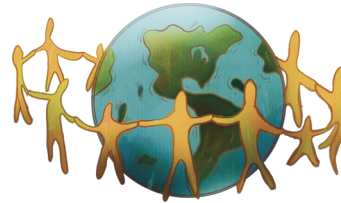


HOW THIS WORKS:

1. Congratulations! If you have this activity log, you've already started our Summer Reading program! You can find out more information by visiting:
portlandlibrary.com/SR-children
2. Complete eight (8) early literacy activities with your child over the course of the summer.
3. Show us your completed activity log and receive a free book for your child!

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

You are your child's first teacher, and there is so much for them to learn. By interacting with your child through talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing, you are helping them learn the skills they'll need to become good readers.



INTERACT IN THE LANGUAGE YOU KNOW BEST!

Talking: Talk to your child—this is how children learn new words and about the world around them.

Singing: Singing slows down language and makes it easier to hear sounds in words

Reading: Reading and rereading together is the most important way to help get children ready to read.

Writing: Encourage your child to draw and scribble, which helps them understand that print has meaning.

Playing: Playing with children helps them learn language.

SUMMER READING

Early Literacy Activity Log



ALL
TOGETHER
NOW

June 19 – August 12, 2023

SUMMER READING
MADE JUST FOR OUR
LITTLEST LIBRARY
FRIENDS



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Complete and mark off 8 of these early literacy activities.



Choose from any category!

TALKING

- Tell your baby the names of the parts of their body and face.
- Narrate what you're doing while spending time with your child.
- Listen to your baby babble and then respond!

SINGING

- Learn a new song to sing with your child.
- Sing a favorite song with your child—either from your own childhood or now!
- Listen to a song on PPL's YouTube Channel: [portlandlibrary.com/watch](https://www.portlandlibrary.com/watch)

READING

- Check a board book or picture book out from the library
- Read a new book to your child.
- Reread a book your child has already heard.

WRITING

- Let your baby scribble or draw with art supplies, pencils, pens, or chalk.
- Show your baby the letters in their name.
- Try fingerprint or anything else that allows them to get messy!

PLAYING

- Sit on the floor to play with your child. Practice handing things back and forth.
- Play with something that is not traditionally a toy: try a box, a spoon, or a pot.

EXPLORING

- Help your baby splash in some shallow water: a puddle, a bowl, a tub, the ocean, or anything!
- Explore the feeling of something new like rice, dirt, or a book with textured pages.
- While on a walk, describe the colors/numbers of things you see.

THE LIBRARY

- Visit the library at any of our branches and join summer reading.
- Read a book together from the library collection.
- Check books out and take them home to read.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Show your child pictures of family members and name them.
- Invite a friend or family member to read to your child who does not usually read to them
- Sing a song or play with some toys with someone new.