

5 Pre-literacy activities to do everyday with your child

1. Read

Aim for 20 minutes a day! It doesn't have to be all at once. It could be a book in the morning, one during bath time, and one before bed. Sign up for the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** and learn more about the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** at kcpls.org > Explore > Services for Parents & Caregivers.

2. Sing

Make up a silly song about getting the mail, bath time, or any other activity you do with your child.

3. Play

Never underestimate the power of play! This is how children learn.

4. Talk

While completing any daily task, *explain it to your child in as much detail as possible.*

5. Write

Practice fine motor control by helping your child draw letters and shapes with their fingers.



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All KCPL locations offer a variety of engaging programs for children of all ages. Go to kcpls.org/kids for details.

Our Locations

Visit kcpls.org for current hours.

Main Library • 304-343-4646
123 Capitol Street, Charleston

Clendenin Branch • 304-548-6370
107 Koontz Ave., Suite 100, Clendenin

Cross Lanes Branch • 304-776-5999
5449 Big Tyler Road, Cross Lanes

Dunbar Branch • 304-766-7161
301 12th Street Mall, Dunbar

Elk Valley Branch • 304-965-3636
313 The Crossings Mall, Elkview

Glasgow Branch • 304-595-3131
129 4th Avenue, Glasgow

Marmet Branch • 304-949-6628
9303 Oregon Avenue, Marmet

Riverside Public • 304-949-2400
1 Warrior Way, Suite 104
Riverside High School, Belle

St. Albans Branch • 304-722-4244
602 4th Street, St. Albans

Sissonville Branch • 304-984-2244
1 Tinney Lane, Sissonville



Check out our online event calendar. We've got events for children, teens, and adults. All branches. All the time!



Grab 'n Go Bags of Books!

for newborns, infants and toddlers



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Board books are fun!



What are OWL bags?

OWL bags are an early literacy initiative developed by KCPL to introduce children to books and reading at an early age. Board books are great for babies because they are easy to hold, sturdy, do not tear, and are easy to clean.

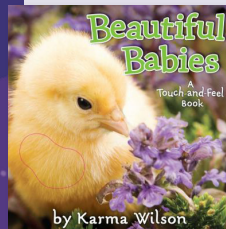
How do they work?

OWL bags are designed for convenience; parents can get them pre-packed with 10 board books. When done, return the bag and grab another one filled with 10 more books!

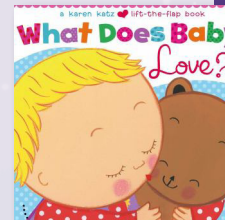


Why read to your child?

- *Increases parental bond.* Your child is soothed by your voice.
- *Increases vocabulary.* The more words your child is exposed to, the better prepared they are to start reading on their own.
- *Generates response.* Your child will respond to your voice.
- *Introduces emotion.* Your baby learns about feelings through the different sounds and tones you use when reading.
- *Exposure to shapes, letters, and colors.* Your child will begin to develop recognition.



Explore different textures with touch-and-feel books.



Even little hands can lift the flaps to see what is hiding underneath.

Tips for reading aloud:

- *Make your voice higher or lower* where appropriate. Use different voices for different characters.
- *Ask questions or make comments* on the pictures or text while reading. Your child might not be able to respond yet, but this lays groundwork for later.
- *Babies love and learn from repetition*, so don't be afraid to read the same book many times.

Ask a staff member for an application!

- OWL cards are free for anyone age 18 and older and are separate from a normal KCPL library card.
- Sign up for an OWL card regardless of the status of your normal KCPL card.



- Only for bag checkout, limit 1 bag at a time.
- Cannot be used for computer time or checking out other KCPL materials.
- Regular library cards cannot be used to check out OWL bags.