

## Ways libraries are reaching out to local daycares/preschools



- Accommodating daycare/preschool visits during the library's storytimes or special classroom storytimes at the library.
  - Providing storytime or themed kits for providers to check out.
  - Providing Big Books, puppets, flannel boards or other resources for providers.
  - Offering "teacher" cards that allow more books to be checked out at a time and extending checkout periods.
  - Promoting books and resources that build on provider's knowledge and professional development.
  - Encouraging providers to bring children to the library for a special field trip.
  - Provide opportunities for children in daycare/preschool to participate in summer reading programs when visiting the library in person may not be an option for them.
  - Hosting a Child Care Reads workshop at the library or community center.
  - Making monthly visits to daycares/preschools to share books, rhymes, and language experiences with children and model those practices to daycare providers/preschool teachers.
  - Making monthly visits to daycares/preschools to provide storytimes and First Books. These visits provide each child with a book for nine months, along with information on the Six Early Literacy Skills for parents, and an event at the library that encourages families to get library cards.
  - Providing newsletters, handouts, resources, and make and take craft activities that children can share with their parents and that providers can use.
  - Dropping off rotating deposit collections to daycare/preschool sites (usually done at the same time as regular outreach visit).
  - Arranging for a bookmobile or book wagon to visit the daycare/preschool and allow children and providers to check out books.
  - Providing "books in a bag" or similar items that parents can check out from the daycare center/preschool and take home to share with their children.
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