



Getting the Most out of Children's Programs at the Library

Tips for Parents and Guardians

STORYTIMES (Ages birth to five) **Help your child get ready to read.**

You can support your child's experience at library storytimes by being an enthusiastic participant in our activities. When we sing, sing with gusto. When we dance, move along with us. As your child sees your excitement, they are more likely to participate and enjoy their time at the library.

In each of our storytimes, we incorporate five pre-reading skills: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Our activities promote early literacy and are based on the research-based early literacy initiative, Every Child Ready to Read.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS (Kindergarten and Up) **Help your child develop confidence and curiosity.**

You can help your child develop confidence by having them attend our programs without a parent or a sibling at their side, and by asking them to tell you about what they learned during their time at the library. And our fun, age appropriate activities will help them develop a love of learning to go along with their growing independent self.

For further information or more ideas on how to support your child's learning, please contact Beth Hawkey, head of youth services, at bhawkey@orangecountync.gov or at 919.245.2532.