



PROGRAM TIPS FOR PARENTS

STORYTIMES (AGES BIRTH TO 5)

How can I engage my child during storytimes?

Orange County Public Library (OCPL) storytimes promote early literacy and support the research based early literacy initiative, Every Child Ready to Read. We incorporate these five pre-reading skills: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing, into all programs for children under 5. Parents play an important role during storytimes through participation in songs and movement activities. As your child sees your participation and enthusiasm, they are more likely to participate and enjoy their storytime experience.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS (AGES 5-12)

How can I prepare my child for school age library programs?

School age children are growing and changing. They are eager to learn new things and they develop self-confidence with each new acquired skill. They are becoming more independent and starting to do things on their own initiative. School age programs at Orange County Public Library are planned with this in mind. Each program contains age appropriate activities to foster your child's growth and development.

Parents can support their child's developmental growth in these areas by allowing and encouraging your child's need for independence and individuality. Allow your child to attend their special program, on their own, away from you and younger siblings. At the end of each program we will offer a "show and tell" opportunity for you and your child to explore together what they've learned. Parents can foster their child's self-confidence by actively listening and engaging in discussion about their child's program.

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