

# EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>28</p> <p><b>This week's theme: Vehicles</b></p>	<p>29 <b>SING</b> Sing "<u>The Wheels on the Bus</u>"</p>	<p>30 <b>TALK</b> Talk about the vehicles you see in the city</p>	<p>1 <b>READ</b> Read a story where a vehicle is the main character</p>	<p>2 <b>WRITE</b> Draw a picture of something with wheels</p>	<p>3 <b>PLAY</b> Make a play vehicle out of cardboard</p>	<p>4 <b>Book of the week:</b> <i><u>Trucks Go by Steve Light</u></i></p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>This week's theme: Beach</b></p>	<p>6 <b>SING</b> Sing "<u>Baby Shark</u>"</p>	<p>7 <b>TALK</b> Talk about what animals you see at the beach</p>	<p>8 <b>READ</b> Read a story that takes place on a beach</p>	<p>9 <b>WRITE</b> Draw a picture of a family day at the beach</p>	<p>10 <b>PLAY</b> Play in a sprinkler, lake, or anywhere with water!</p>	<p>11 <b>Book of the week:</b> <i><u>Beach Baby by Laurie Elmquist</u></i></p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>This week's theme: Shapes</b></p>	<p>13 <b>SING</b> Sing "<u>A Circle Is a Shape</u>"</p>	<p>14 <b>TALK</b> Talk about what shapes you see everyday</p>	<p>15 <b>READ</b> Read a picture book that has a clear shape on the cover</p>	<p>16 <b>WRITE</b> Have an adult draw a shape and then draw a picture from the shape</p>	<p>17 <b>PLAY</b> Build a tower with LEGOs, blocks-anything with clear shapes!</p>	<p>18 <b>Book of the week:</b> <i><u>Round is a Tortilla by Roseanne Thong</u></i></p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>This week's theme: Space</b></p>	<p>20 <b>SING</b> Sing "<u>Zoom, Zoom, Zoom</u>"</p>	<p>21 <b>TALK</b> Talk about what stars and planets you can see in July</p>	<p>22 <b>READ</b> Read a story that discusses space</p>	<p>23 <b>WRITE</b> Draw a picture of a what you think could live in space</p>	<p>24 <b>PLAY</b> Pretend to be a space explorer in a faraway galaxy</p>	<p>25 <b>Book of the week:</b> <i><u>Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max</u></i></p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>This week's theme: Castles</b></p>	<p>27 <b>SING</b> Sing "<u>The Grand 'Ole Duke of York</u>"</p>	<p>28 <b>TALK</b> Talk about what a castle is and if you've ever seen one</p>	<p>29 <b>READ</b> Read a story that features a castle</p>	<p>30 <b>WRITE</b> Draw half a castle and have an adult to draw the other half!</p>	<p>31 <b>PLAY</b> Build a pretend castle out of cushions or cardboard</p>	<p>1 <b>Book of the week:</b> <i><u>Over At the Castle by Boni Ashburn</u></i></p>



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# EARLY LITERACY TIPS AND RESOURCES

## Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play Together

The American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read program is "a research-based series of practices that can help young children develop essential literacy skills that will help them get ready to read and on the right path to school readiness and student success" (Every Child Ready to Read.org, 2020). By **reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing** together at home, parents and caregivers can help children develop early literacy skills that will get them ready to read.

## Access Books and Audiobooks From Home

The Public Library of Brookline subscribes to many databases which give our patrons access to **ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and more!** Use [Overdrive](#), [Hoopla](#), and [TumbleBooks](#) to read old and new novels, comics, and picture books. [Visit our website to learn more about our e-resources](#), and check out our recommended audiobook list for kids, tweens, and teens at <https://www.brooklinelibrary.org/recommended-audiobooks-from-hoopla/>.

## Join Our Summer Reading Program!

This summer, Imagine Your Story with the Public Library of Brookline! The program is open to community members of all ages, from babies and toddlers through adults and runs from June 15-August 14. Because we want to prioritize our community's health and safety, **the Summer Reading Program can be completed entirely from home**. When you register online, the Friends of the Brookline Public Library will make a donation to the Brookline Food Pantry to help support our neighbors and community during these trying times. Find out more at [brklib.com/summer20](http://brklib.com/summer20).



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