

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
This week's theme: New Year's	SING Sing " <u>Happy New Year Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!</u> "	TALK Talk about calendar units of time (months, years, etc.)	READ Re-read a favorite book of 2020	WRITE Draw a picture of something you want to do in 2021	PLAY Play a new game to celebrate the new year	Book of the week: <u>Shanté Keys And The New Year's Peas</u> by Gail Piernas-Davenport
This week's theme: Snow	SING Sing " <u>Bumping Up and Down in My Little Blue Sled</u> "	TALK Talk about a favorite snowy-weather activity	READ Read a story that takes place in winter	WRITE Draw a picture of yourself playing in the snow	PLAY Play in the snow or pretend that it's snowing!	Book of the week: <u>Snow Song</u> by A.K. Riley
This week's theme: Activism	SING Sing " <u>If I Had a Hammer</u> "	TALK Talk about what you can do to make a difference	READ Read a biography about a famous activist	WRITE Draw a picture of an activist	PLAY Do something nice for a loved one	Book of the week: <u>A Is for Activist</u> by Innosanto Nagara
This week's theme: Dance	SING Check out <u>the music on Hoopla, like Raffi!</u>	TALK Talk about how dancing or watching dance makes you feel	READ Read a book with the word "dance" in the title	WRITE Draw a picture of yourself dancing with a friend or family member	PLAY Put on some music and dance around!	Book of the week: <u>My Friend Maya Loves to Dance</u> by Cheryl Willis Hudson
This week's theme: Baking	SING Sing " <u>Five Little Cookies in the Bakery Shop</u> "	TALK Talk about kitchen safety for baking	READ Read a book with a pastry on the cover	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite baked good	PLAY Help a grown up bake something or pretend you're baking!	Book of the week: <u>Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes</u> by Kimberly and James Dean



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EARLY LITERACY TIPS AND RESOURCES

Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play Together

Through 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! This calendar provides ideas and book suggestions that puts these activities in an early literacy context- we hope you enjoy them! Most of our song suggestions can be found on the Jbrary YouTube page and all of our book suggestions are available on Hoopla.

Library Programs

We are continuing to offer fun programs and kits for all ages! We provide virtual storytimes, as well as craft activities to do at home through our Library To-Go Kit program. We also have monthly world language storytimes in Japanese and Taiwanese. For more information about our ongoing programs for children, visit us at brklib.com/kidsprograms.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

This self-paced program has one goal: Read 1,000 books with your child before they enter kindergarten. Habitual reading has an incredible impact on many aspects of a child's development, including vocabulary, creativity, social skills, and empathy. For every 100 books read, your child will earn a small prize to encourage them to keep reading. Sign up online at <https://brooklinelibrary.beanstack.org/reader365> or by visiting any Library location!



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