

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
This week's theme: Family	SING Sing " <u>Five Little Ducks</u> "	TALK Talk about your family's traditions	READ Read with a pet or stuffed animal	WRITE Write a card to a loved one	PLAY Play a game with your whole family	Book of the week: <i>Stella Brings the Family</i> by <u>Miriam B. Schiffer</u>
This week's theme: Art	SING Sing " <u>If You're Happy and You Know It</u> "	TALK Talk about the art around your home (homemade or other!)	READ Read a story with pictures	WRITE Draw a picture of a magical creature or character	PLAY Make some art using paint, markers, or Crayons	Book of the week: <i>Maybe Something Beautiful</i> by <u>F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell</u>
This week's theme: Food	SING Sing " <u>Apples and Bananas</u> "	TALK Talk about where your food comes from	READ Listen to a story while you eat a snack or lunch	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite meal	PLAY Help your family cook a meal	Book of the week: <i>My Food, Your Food</i> by <u>Lisa Bullard</u>
This week's theme: Nature	SING Sing " <u>The Itsy Bitsy Spider</u> "	TALK Talk about the plants and animals you see outside	READ Read a story outside	WRITE Draw a picture of your favorite season	PLAY Create something only using recycled materials	Book of the week: <i>A Stone Sat Still</i> by <u>Brendan Wenzel</u>
This week's theme: Community	SING Sing " <u>The Wheels on the Bus</u> "	TALK Talk about your favorite community center	READ Read a story about someone who is different from you	WRITE Write a note or draw a picture of your community	PLAY Pretend you're visiting your favorite place	Book of the week: <i>Be a Maker</i> by <u>Katey Howes</u>



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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 Mandarin, 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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