

EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR: MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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><u>Be a Maker by Katey Howes</u></i>
This week's theme: Construction	SING Sing " <u>The Construction Song</u> "	TALK Talk about which materials you need to build a house	READ Read a story about construction vehicles	WRITE Draw your own design for a building	PLAY Build a tower out of blocks, LEGOs, or anything else!	Book of the week: <i><u>Dump Truck's Colors by Sherri Rinker</u></i>
This week's theme: Animals	SING Sing " <u>Old McDonald Had a Farm</u> "	TALK Talk about where different animals live	READ Read a story that has facts about animals	WRITE Write a card to a pet or draw a picture of your favorite animal	PLAY Pretend you're a zookeeper with stuffed animals	Book of the week: <i><u>Little Penguin Gets The Hiccups by Tadgh Bentley</u></i>
This week's theme: Music	SING Sing " <u>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</u> "	TALK Talk about places you might hear music	READ Read a story about a famous musician	WRITE Draw a picture to go with your favorite song	PLAY Make up your own songs during play time	Album of the week: <i><u>Raffi Radio by Raffi</u></i>
This week's theme: Numbers	SING Sing " <u>Five Green and Speckled Frogs</u> "	TALK Talk about a time when you needed to count something	READ Read a story that includes counting	WRITE Trace numbers using crayons, markers, or paint	PLAY Go on a scavenger hunt for numbers around your house	Book of the week: <i><u>One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor Pinczes</u></i>



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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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