

Welcome to East Lansing Public Library's summer reading program for our youngest patrons, "Libraries Rock! Jr."

Summer Reading Junior!

Why should you and your child, ages birth to three, participate in this early literacy* based program?

- It is never too early to start preparing children for reading success. Children who have been read to and been given the opportunity to develop certain pre-reading skills from an early age have a better chance to benefit from reading instruction when they arrive at school.
- Parents and caregivers play important roles as a baby's first teacher. This program is meant to be interactive between child and their parent or caregiver.
- Studies have shown that children who have been introduced to libraries and library programs from an early age are more likely to become lifelong readers.
- It is a fun bonding experience!

* The term "early literacy" refers to everything children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read. The East Lansing Public Library would like to thank the Friends of the East Lansing Public Library for their support of the ELPL Summer Reading Jr. program.



East Lansing Public Library's Summer Reading Program for ages birth to 3



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East Lansing Public Library
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My name is: _____

June 18th - August 11th, 2018
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Check off each activity as completed. When all activities are finished, bring this sheet to the library no later than August 11, 2018 to receive a coupon to the ELPL used book store and a choice of toy. One activity sheet per child, please.

- Visit the library together
- Recite a favorite nursery rhyme together
- Attend a storytime or other program at ELPL
- Sing a lullaby at bedtime
- Share a simple ABC, number, or shape book
- Point to the words on the page while reading
- Read a rhyming book and emphasize the rhymes
- Retell a favorite story together
- Attend a storytime or other program at ELPL

- Sing the ABCs (over and over!)
- Point out shapes, letters, and numbers when you see them on toys, signs, in books, etc.
- Clap in rhythm to music or a song
- Play a baby friendly musical instrument like maracas or jingle bells
- Do a simple puzzle together
- Let your child hold a book and practice turning the pages.
- Use words such as big/small, top/bottom, over/under, how many when playing
- Draw or paint a picture together
- Practice writing letters in fingerpaints, shaving cream, or other fun materials

