

ALL ABOARD *the* READY TO READ RAILROAD



This educational space is designed for children ages 5 and under and their parents to engage in active learning together. 90% of a child's brain develops within the first 5 years of life. The Ready to Read Railroad offers a wide variety of activities that have been professionally designed to encourage reading, writing, vocabulary, letter and number recognition, and narrative skills, as well as age appropriate hands on offerings that introduce science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills. Children who engage in purposeful play in their earliest years are proven to display greater comprehension, vocabulary, and cognitive skills by the time they enter kindergarten.

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am -6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am -6:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm



Welcome to the Ready to Read Railroad!

The Frisco Public Library strives to provide a safe, educational, and fun environment for you and your child.

Please assist us in this endeavor by cooperating with the following:

- The Ready to Read Railroad is designed specifically for children birth through five. Please make other arrangements for older children. Checking in at the desk is required in order to enter. We adhere to a ratio of one adult to no more than 3 children in the space.
- Adult supervision is required. You are responsible for your child's safety and comfort. Please do not leave your children unattended.
- If you and your child need to leave the area for an extended period of time, please check back in at the desk. There may be a waiting list. You may re-enter the space after a potty break.
- Admissions to the Ready to Read Railroad end 30 minutes prior to the time that the library closes.
- Have fun playing with your children! These are teachable moments that will prepare your child for success in school.

Ready to Read Railroad Activities

- **STEM Depot:** Discover a variety of activities that engage early science concepts, such as making observations, questioning, sorting, patterning, simple math and more.
- **Ticket Booth:** Sort train tickets by color, shape, destination, and time. Develop number and currency recognition skills by "selling" tickets to other passengers.
- **Baby Garden:** Baby brain development occurs at a rapid rate and is key to later learning success. The Baby Garden features activities that promote both physical and emotional development – just what baby needs.
- **Engine:** Engaging in imaginative play boosts social development, extends language skills, and enhances critical thinking. Encourage your child to drive the train, ring the bell, and take you on an imaginative adventure!
- **Coal Car:** Selecting books that match the "theme" of play supports your child's learning. Check out our collection of train-themed books!
- **Dining Car:** Build print awareness by pointing to print as you read. Build pre-writing skills by asking your child to identify the food items you want to "eat" for dinner. These skills are essential to school readiness.
- **Caboose:** Practice storytelling skills by performing a puppet show! Telling a story with a beginning, middle, and end is essential to school readiness. Need inspiration? We have folk and fairy tale books available in the train and in the library.
- **Literacy Area:** Rhyming practice leads to reading readiness. Use the magnetic cards to find rhyming matches. If the color matches, the words rhyme! This is a "self-correcting" activity, which means your child can self-check their answers.
- **Building Corner:** This area features blocks and other resources for building play. Building increases a child's problem-solving and logistical skills, as well as boosting self-esteem and imagination.