

Play and Learn @ your library

Active Learning Centers



are located in the children's area and around the library for you and your child to explore together.

These Centers provide opportunities for you to **enjoy meaningful play** with your child and at the same time help your child **develop early reading skills**.



Play is a child's work! They learn, grow and develop through hands-on activities that include **talking, reading, singing, writing, and playing**. The activities in the Active Learning Centers focus on these practices.

Help your child **get ready to learn to read** by sharing the activities on the back with your child.



Help your child get ready to learn to read

By sharing these activities with your child:

Talking helps them learn new words and information. Talk and listen to your child as you prepare meals, do household chores, get ready for bed or whenever you are together.

Singing is a natural way for them to learn about language. Sing and play music for your child.

Reading together is the single most important way to help. Have books within easy reach. Visit the library and find books to make reading fun. Show them how important reading is by reading yourself.

Writing and scribbling helps them learn that written words stand for spoken language. Keep paper and crayons handy.

Playing helps them put thoughts into words and understand that spoken and written words stand for real objects and experiences. Encourage imaginative play and keep a prop box with items for your child to use for pretend play.