

***Get Ready to Read!* Kits and Library Programming**

Get Ready to Read and Family Place Libraries™ have developed *Get Ready to Read!* Kits for parents, child care providers, and early childhood educators to utilize with the children in their care. The kits are designed to assist parents and caregivers with building their pre-kindergartner's early literacy skills. Each kit contains 36 early literacy skill-building activity cards, in English and Spanish, and supplemental resources necessary to use the activities, such as magnetic letters, chalk, crayons, and other early literacy manipulatives. Libraries can choose to either catalog and circulate the kits, incorporate them into existing programs, or create a new program highlighting kit activities.

Program ideas for public libraries include:

- Parenting Programs (to provide parents with brief overview of kit activities and how to utilize them both at home and at the library)
- Outreach to home child care providers and center based childcare centers
- 4 year old story times (incorporate a couple of activities as part of each storytime session)
- Include some activities in programs for grandparents and their grandchildren
- Include activities and information in Getting Ready for Kindergarten programs
- Set up stations or tables of a few activities from the kit for parent and child to do together