



## What is the Rockin' Babies Summer Reading Program?

The Rockin' Babies Summer Reading Program is the Bronxville Library's Early Literacy Summer Reading Program for babies and toddlers.

Its focus is on the six Early Literacy Skills: Print Motivation, Phonological Awareness, Print Awareness, Vocabulary, Narrative Skills and Letter Knowledge.

See the back panel for definitions.

### Why participate?

Babies are born ready to learn. Although your baby is years away from becoming a reader, he or she starts to develop the necessary skills for reading and writing at birth. This is what we call Early Literacy.

### What is Early Literacy and it's importance?

Early Literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually read or write. Six pre-reading skills get children ready to learn how to read. Research shows these early literacy skills are best developed through talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Beginning at birth, what you do every day helps prepare your child to become a successful reader.

Children who have been read to from an early age have a larger vocabulary, better language skills, a greater interest in books, and are more likely to want to learn to read.

Early Literacy is NOT the teaching of reading. No flashcards or drills are necessary Early Literacy is encouraging your child to love language and books and most of all, to have fun!



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## PARTICIPATION

Our Rockin' Babies Summer Reading program now matches our big kids!

- Registration:** Register at the children's reference desk. You will receive a folder with two summer reading time logs and Early Literacy Activity cards.
- Reading Log:** Your reading log records *TIME SPENT READING*. Receive a small prize every time you complete three hours (one row) of reading with your child.
- What books count towards your time spent reading?** Library books, books from home, audiobooks, eBooks, magazines—books of any kind!
- Grand Prize Basket:** Receive a raffle ticket towards the grand prize basket every time you complete four bubbles on the Early Literacy Activity sheets. Earn two raffle tickets per Activity Bonus Card.
- Earn a Summer Reading Certificate.** When you complete one reading log, a total of 12 hours, your little one will receive a SRG Certificate. But don't stop reading there! Grab new reading logs and keep earning prizes.
- Rockin' Ice Cream Party Backstage pass:** Those who complete TWO reading logs, total of 24 hours, will receive a backstage pass to the Rockin' Ice Cream Party.

## PROGRAMS

**Monday, July 9 @ 10:30am**  
Learning Life through Music with Frank!

**Wednesday, July 11 @ 10:30am**  
Little Crafters—Make a Tambourine

**Monday, July 16 10:15am & 11:00am**  
Musical Munchkins Pre Walkers 10:15am  
Musical Munchkins Walkers 11:00am  
(These programs are first come, first serve. Once capacity is reached, the class will close)

**Wednesday, July 18th @ 1:15pm**  
Dawny Dew Concert, all ages

**Monday, July 23rd @ 10:30am**  
Little Crafters—Finger paint in a baggie, Music Notes!

**Wednesday, July 25th @ 10:30am**  
Little Crafters—Rain sticks

**Monday, July 30th @ 10:30am**  
Littles Playdate, Ages 6 mo.—24 mo.

**Wednesday, August 1st @ 10:30am**  
Tots of Fun: Play date, Age 2

**Monday, August 6th @ 10:30am**  
Little Crafters—Make a bell shaker

**Monday, August 13th @ 10:30am**  
Learning Life through Music with Frank!

**Wednesday, August 15th @ 1:15pm**  
Dawny Dew Concert, all ages

**Wednesday, August 22nd @ 10:30am**  
Learning Life through Music with Frank!

*\*Little Crafters requires full guardian participation*

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## TUESDAY NIGHT FAMILY EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 26 at 7pm**

### **Rock n' Roll Kickoff Party**

Join us for a backyard style party to kick off Summer Reading! We're having a Live DJ, a guitar craft, glitter tattoo artist, pin the hair on Elvis and more! Register for the SRG, too!

**Tuesday, July 10 at 7pm**

### **Bubble Bus**

The Bubble Bus is coming to town! The Bubble bus will fill the whole town with music and amazing bubbles! Be prepared to get soaked!

**Tuesday, July 17 at 7pm**

### **Graham Clarke Concert**

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to sing and dance with Graham Clarke. Sing some favorites and maybe a guess a tune or two!

**Tuesday, July 24 at 7pm**

### **Scienctellers: "Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano"**

Grab your spurs and journey to the Wild West, where a legendary bank-robbing outlaw is back in town, about to strike again! After the Sheriff mysteriously vanishes, two young kids must saddle up to foil the great heist — but not before stopping a runaway train, escaping an abandoned mine shaft and discovering how a mysterious piano can play an 'instrumental' part in putting a rotten cowboy back behind bars.

**Tuesday, July 31st at 7pm**

### **Green Meadows Farm**

Join Jason from Green Meadows farm and learn about all different types of animals and creatures! Everyone gets to meet and pet the animals including bugs, reptiles, bunnies, chickens, and baby animals.

*\*\*Please note: Due to the holiday, there will be no Tuesday night event on July 3rd.*

## SIX EARLY LITERACY SKILLS

There are six early literacy skills that children must develop in order to increase their likelihood of reading success.

**Phonological Awareness:** the child's ability to hear the smaller sounds in spoken words. This helps children sound out words when learning to read.

**Vocabulary:** knowing the names for objects and ideas. When learning to read, a child will recognize words he has heard spoken aloud.

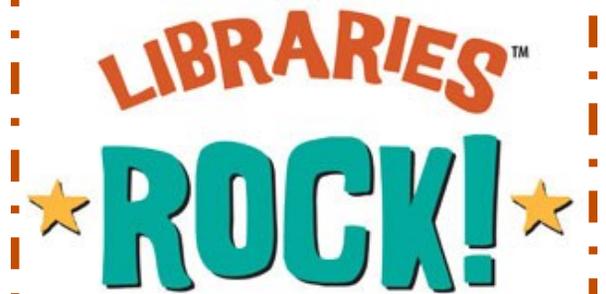
**Narrative Skills:** the child's ability to describe events, tell stories, or retell stories that have been heard. This helps a child understand what she is reading.

**Print Awareness:** involves a child noticing print and becoming able to follow the words on a page. It also includes knowing how to handle a book.

**Letter Knowledge:** learning that letters differ from one another and have unique names or sounds. Children must understand that words are composed of groups of letters and each letter brings its own sound to a word.

**Print Motivation:** includes being interested in and enjoying books. Kids who enjoy books and reading will be curious about reading and motivated to learn to read themselves.

For more information about EARLY LITERACY, visit  
<http://www.everychildreadytoread.org>



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### Early Literacy Summer Reading Program Babies and Toddlers



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