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Multnomah County Library

Empowering our Community to Learn and Create



Offers materials, events and services through 19 libraries and outreach programs.



Every Child A Reader

Fostering a love of reading with nurturing parent-child interactions.



ECAR is funded by
The Library Foundation

Objectives

- Encourage families to read together daily
- Increase everyday use of activities that promote literacy skills
- Increase parent/child engagement
- Improve literacy among families served
- Create lifelong readers!

ECAR Components

Book rotation and
Literacy message to parents

Book Rotation



Children share with parents four different books at home every week.

Literacy Message to Parents



Reading is an essential life skill

- Parent meetings
- Socializations

Parent Meetings at their Sites



Socializations at MCL Libraries



Every Child A Reader Team

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Parents



Teachers or
Home Visitors



Children

ECAR
Coordinators



Coordinators



- Meet with each partner to review agreement and update information.
- Fulfill orders and answer questions.
- Provide support and Early Literacy information to implementers.
- Present Library and Early Literacy information at parent meetings and socializations.
- Distribute surveys and yellow bags.

Implementers



400+ staff from 29 organizations implement the Every Child A Reader program.

Some of those organizations are: Head Start, Hacienda CDC, Oregon Child Development, Nurse family Partnership, Listos para el Kínder and Parents as Teachers.

Families

Parents and caregivers are children's first teachers.

English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, Somali, Burmese and other non-English speaking families are served by our 29 partners.



Children

Children learn through their five senses during positive interactions with caring adults.

Around **8000 children** are served through ECAR.



ECAR Books

- Books for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and for children with special needs.
- Multicultural books and in several languages.
- No fines, no charges. 😊



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Supporting early literacy and connecting families to MCL Services



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