

Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

### Our Family Place Area

The Family Place area at McAllen Public Library Main is a safe, fun environment where you and your child can read, play and learn. This specially designed space features materials for children and parents including board books, toys, puzzles, blocks and dramatic play stations, creating opportunities for little ones to explore. You are your child's first and most important teacher. These activities will help you build your child's early literacy skills.

# The Very Ready Reading Program



Learn the  
*7 Days • 7 Ways*  
principles to include early literacy into daily activities.

- Share Stories
- Share Books
- Share Songs
- Share Words
- Share Sounds
- Share Rhymes
- Share Playtime

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Building Foundations for Early Learning

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MPL - Main

## PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO FIVE

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### **Baby Storytime**

**Mondays @ 10:00AM**

Weekly programs for babies 0-12 months (crawlers) and their parent or caregiver. During the programs we explore books, fingerplays, and music that help babies experience their world in a new way.

### **Toddler Storytime**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10:00AM**

Weekly programs for toddlers 1-4 years of age (walkers). Interactive programs that encourage toddlers to take part in the stories, songs, and activities. Teaching children that books are fun encourages a lifelong love of reading. Registration is required for this program.

### **Kinder Kids**

**Check calendar for time and date.**

A preschool readiness program for children ages 3-5. Includes an interactive storytime, activities and manipulatives to give children a head start on preschool.

### **Parent - Child Workshop**

**January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3**

Over the course of five weeks, spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. For children 1-3 years of age. Registration is required for this program.

### **Parent Awareness**

**Check calendar for dates and times.**

Informational programs for parents and caregivers with local resource professionals. These programs are offered throughout the year and focus on everyday challenges as well as specific topics of interest for parents.

### **Books for Babies**

Books for Babies is an early literacy incentive program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their child. Reading to your baby contributes to their brain development and language skills. For more information or to register, visit the Children's information desk.

### **1,000 Books Before Kinder**

An incentive reading program for toddlers 1-4 years of age. Encourages parents to help their child develop language skills and start them on the path to success in reading and learning. This gives them a good start to a lifelong love of reading. For more information or to register, visit the Children's information desk.

## MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

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### **The Parenting Collection**

Covers every aspect of child rearing and parenting. Resources include books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newsletters, online resources and displays of current news for parents.

### **McAllen Public Library Website**

[www.mcallenlibrary.net](http://www.mcallenlibrary.net)

Visit the MPL website for more information about our library programs and to apply for a library card. Our eBranch gives you access to ebooks and audiobooks for all ages. ABCmouse.com is now available to all library patrons within any library branch location. \*Children can get a library card starting at birth.

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

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### **Your Texas Benefits**

Visit one of MPL's self-service workstations at the Main Library, Palm View Branch or Lark Branch to enroll in or renew SNAP, TANF, CHIP and Medicaid benefits.

### **Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Enrollment**

During the open enrollment period for Affordable Care Act Health Insurance, trained navigators are on site at the MPL Main Library to assist you and your family.

### **AARP Tax Aide**

AARP volunteers are on site at the MPL Main Library, February through April 15th, to assist qualifying families with tax preparation.

### **ESL & GED Classes**

MPL offers free ESL and GED classes at the Main and Palm View Branch libraries throughout the year. Please call the Region One Education Service Center at 984-6270 for more information.