

# LENDING LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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READERS ARE LEADERS



From Literacy and the Youngest Learner, Best Practices for Educators of Children from Birth to 5

Send parents a powerful message about literacy's importance. When your entire day is packed with literacy experiences, you show parents that you value literacy and that you are committed to helping their children gain literacy skills through appropriately planned play experiences. You also model for parents a variety of experiences they can do at home with their children.

We know that the best thing parents can do to help their children achieve academic success, in fact, is to read to them early and often (Adams, 1990).

The **Lending Libraries** in your centers are a perfect opportunity for parents to help their children. Help make reading a priority for your parents.

Continue to remind parents and children to check out a book to take home!

## Congratulations



Bravos go to Darlene Barnes Home Care, Fairyland Learning Center, Fields Family Child Care, Shelby Street Station, and Williams Family Day Care Home who have been consistently reporting their book check out at the beginning of each month and have a high number of books checked out in proportion to the number of children enrolled.

Way to Go!



Helping children to enter  
school ready to succeed.

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival

April 18, 2009  
10 AM - 3PM

Explorations V  
Children's Museum  
109 N Kentucky Ave  
Lakeland, FL 33801  
863-687-3869

### Give a big thanks to Bank of America!

Success By 6 would like to  
thank Bank of America for  
their continued financial  
support of the Lending  
Libraries Program!

The Lending  
Library Program  
reached a major  
milestone at the  
end of January  
2009. A total of  
**106,510** books have  
been checked out of  
the libraries since  
its inception in  
2005.

This would not  
have been possible  
without your  
support of the  
program!

Pat yourselves on  
the back!

**We need to know "How many books checked out?"**  
**Reports are due the fifth of every month! If you would**  
**like tips on increasing your numbers, call**  
**Coleen at 863-648-1500 ext.248.**

### Did you know?

April is "National Poetry Month"

#### Help your children celebrate with "Rhyme and Play"

1. Color rhymes are a great way to practice color recognition. Looking at each other's clothes, eyes and hair color, say:  
"If you're wearing blue, touch your shoe."  
"If you're wearing red, touch your head."  
"If you're eyes are brown, turn around."  
"If you're wearing pink, give a wink."
2. Have your children follow along, holding up the number of fingers as you say the rhyme:  
"One, Two, Buckle my shoe,  
Three, Four, Shut the door,  
Five, Six, Pick up the sticks,  
Seven, Eight, Lay them straight,  
Nine, Ten, A big fat hen."
3. Now have them jump or hop each time you say a number.

May is "Get Caught Reading Month"

#### Help your children celebrate by:

1. Have children select books to read to adults/parents and invite adults to share a favorite story with your children.
2. Create a chart and challenge your children to set a "goal" of the number of books they can read within the month from the lending library. Chart individual's progress. At the end of the month have a "surprise" for those students who achieved the goal.



Let your parents know about Florida KidCare! It is the state's children's health insurance program for uninsured children under age 19. It includes four programs: MediKids, Healthy Kids, Children's Medical Services Network and Medicaid. Florida KidCare will check to see which program a child may be eligible for based on age and family income.

Parents can call 1-888-540-5437 for more information, or go to [www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org) to apply online or to print an application. No child should be uninsured!