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## **News Release**

### ***Every Child Ready To Read Program Adds 10 More Libraries in Colorado***

The Colorado State Library announced today that Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy, an advisory group to the state library, will expand the Every Child Ready to Read program to 10 more public libraries in Colorado.

Every Child Ready to Read is a national initiative from the Public Library Association to promote pre-literacy skills in children from birth through age five in public libraries. Parents and caregivers can learn techniques for engaging their babies and young children in language and literacy games that promote learning and school-readiness. In the program, children have exposure to language and literature and arrive at kindergarten ready to learn. Research shows that early literacy activities can have a life-long effect on language and learning.

The Colorado Every Child Ready to Read training program was created from a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act. The program provides training and materials in early literacy skills to library staff at medium and small public libraries in Colorado. The 10 libraries selected for the program will receive materials, training and mentoring to provide brain-research based story time programs and activities to their communities.

Libraries in Conejos County, Fort Morgan, Grand County, Ignacio, La Junta, Bayfield, Pagosa Springs, Salida, Steamboat Springs and Windsor-Severance were selected.

For more information on the Every Child Ready to Read program, contact Patricia Froehlich, Youth Services Senior Consultant at the Colorado State Library at [froehlich\\_p@cde.state.co.us](mailto:froehlich_p@cde.state.co.us) or 303-866-6908.

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