

# ABCs of Early Literacy



# EARLY LITERACY @ SDCL

Discovery  
WORKSHOPS



## Storytime @ Your Library

Join us as we read books, sing songs, and play games together.

**Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Familiar:** Martes a las 10:00 am

**Baby Storytime:** Wednesdays at 11:30 am

**Toddler Storytime:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am

**Preschool Storytime:** Thursdays at 10:00 am

**Family Storytime:** Fridays at 10:00 am

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**1,000 BOOKS  
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**



Discovery  
ZONE

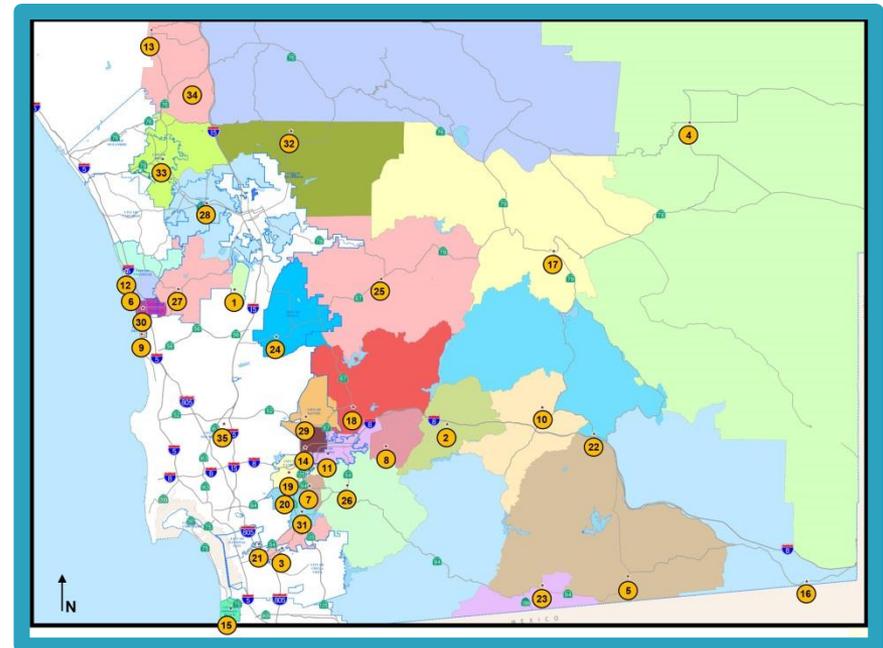
# Administration

- ▶ Leaders as Champions
- ▶ Vision & Community Needs
- ▶ Strategic Plan & Early Literacy



# Branches

- ▶ 33 Branches, 2 bookmobiles
- ▶ Include all staff, at all levels
- ▶ Train all staff
- ▶ Program kits to support the programs



# Children

- ▶ Focus of programs and space
- ▶ Providing age appropriate materials
- ▶ Multiple different ways to learn



# Discovery Zone

- ▶ 8 locations, 3 new locations in the next 1.5 years
- ▶ Consistent branding and signature pieces.



# Early Literacy

- ▶ Skills Important for educational success
- ▶ Literacy development
- ▶ Alphabet & phonics
- ▶ Talk, Sing, Read, Write & Play



# Funding & Grants

- ▶ SDCL Funded
- ▶ First 5 San Diego
- ▶ Supervisor Districts
- ▶ Friends of the Library



# Hands on Learning

- ▶ Parent/Child Workshops
- ▶ Play reinforces reading



# Imagination

- ▶ Ask open ended questions
- ▶ Incorporate process art
- ▶ Programs for multiple ages



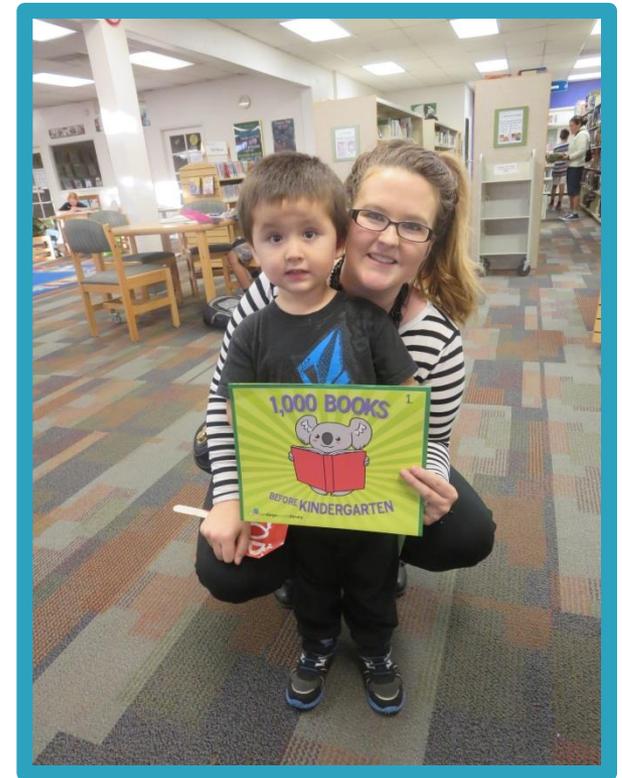
# Joy

- ▶ The importance of play
- ▶ Why should learning be fun?
- ▶ What does success look like?



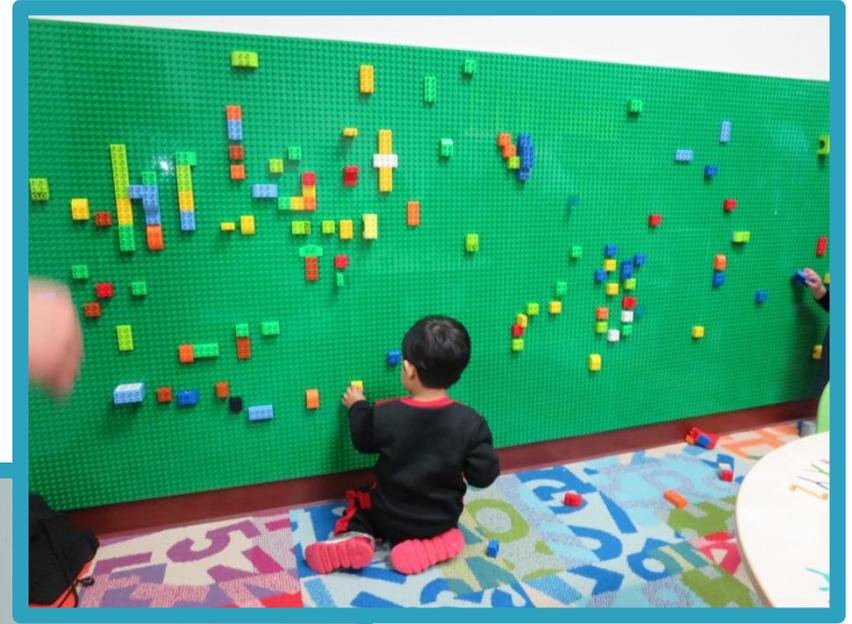
# Kindergarten Readiness

- ▶ Holistic approach
- ▶ Space, collections, programs
- ▶ Motivation & pride





# Magnet and LEGO Wall



# Numbers

- ▶ Introduced in Storytime
- ▶ Encouraged in Discovery Workshops
- ▶ Incorporated in Discovery Zones



# One Size Does NOT Fit All

- ▶ Spaces/building configurations
- ▶ Community Demographics
- ▶ Adaptable presentations



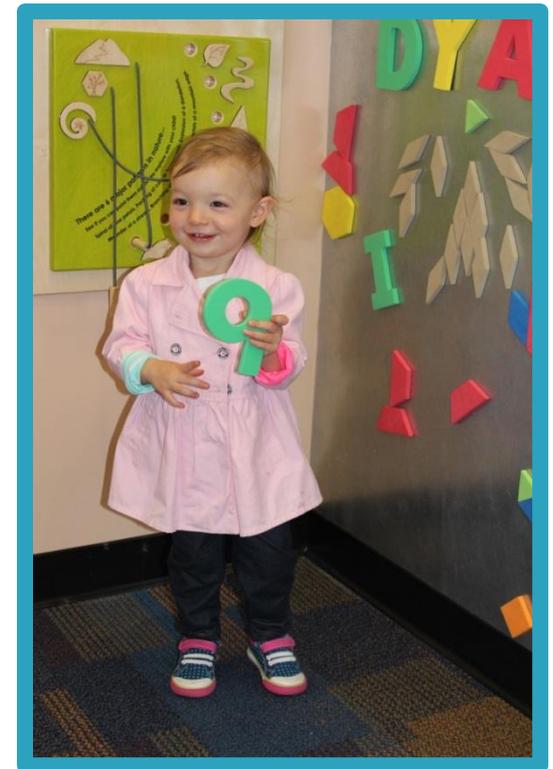
# Parent Learning

- ▶ Multi-lingual story times
- ▶ Empowering parents
- ▶ Everyday and every place
- ▶ Parent Patter



# Questions & Discussions

- ▶ Model for parents how to ask questions
- ▶ Activities in your library to encourage parent/child interactions
- ▶ Science exploration



# Reading & Writing

- ▶ Reading begins at birth
- ▶ Make it exciting and conversational
- ▶ After story time opportunities
- ▶ Coloring pages, mazes and more



# Singing & Playing & Talking



- ▶ Oral language experiences
- ▶ Adapt a song
- ▶ Language is for exploring

# Unique Space

- ▶ Discovery Zones as a Destination
- ▶ Scalable
- ▶ Museum Quality



# Value

- ▶ Circulation is UP!
- ▶ Enthusiasm is high



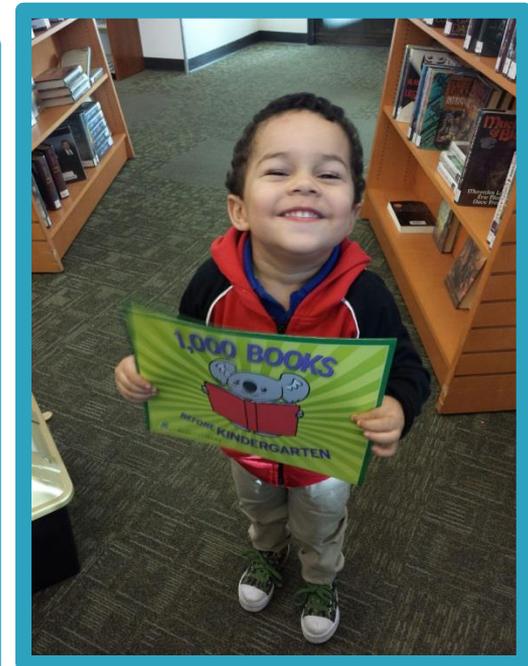
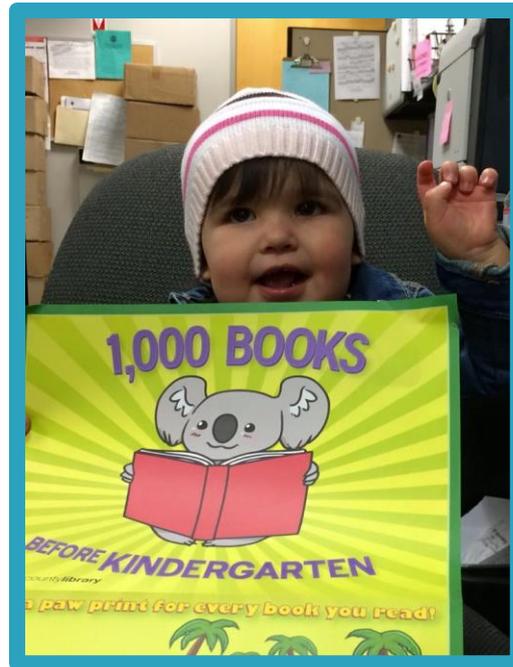
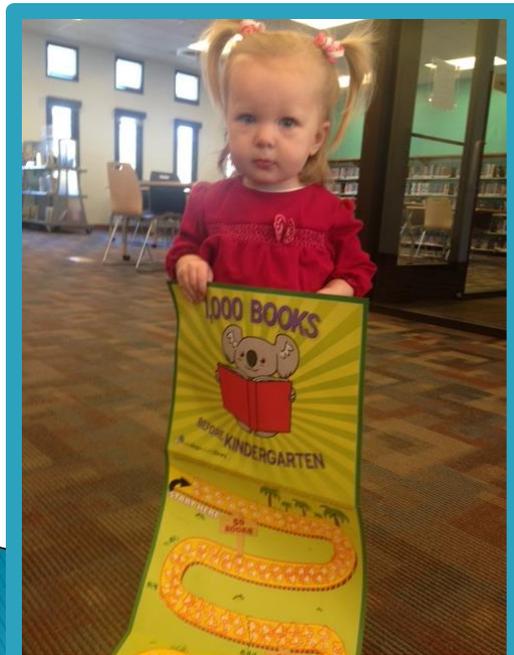
# What we learned

- ▶ Based on observation: Not all pieces work in all locations
- ▶ Staff support = Success!
- ▶ Parents want what is best for their children.



# X Y Z...Now I know my ABCs

Storytime, Discovery Zones, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten work together for school readiness and preparing kids to learn to read!



# QUESTIONS



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