

Open for Discovery

 Free WiFi

William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library (AFL)

200 West 2nd Street
Hummelstown, PA 17036
717.566.0949

Madeline L. Olewine Memorial Library (MOM)

2410 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
717.232.7286

East Shore Area Library (ESA)

4501 Ethel Street
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717.652.9380

McCormick Riverfront Library (MRL)

101 Walnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
717.234.4976

Elizabethville Area Library (EV)

80 North Market Street
Elizabethville, PA 17023
717.362.9825

Northern Dauphin Library (ND)

683 Main Street
Lykens, PA 17048
717.523.0340

Johnson Memorial Library (JOH)

799 East Center Street
Millersburg, PA 17061
717.692.2658

DCLS.ORG

Your Ninth Library
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Visit now!
24/7 RENEWALS
Toll Free 1.877.709.2690

George & Hettie Love Memorial Library (LOV)

530 South 29th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104
717.234.3934

MARCO

Your Exploration Station
Out and about in your community

Join our social media community

 facebook.com/DCLS.PA

 dcls.org/youtube

dcls.org/FBkids

 tiktok.com/@dcls_library

dcls.org/FBadults

 instagram.com/dcls_library



Stepping Stones to Milestones

Newsletter

June 2026

Reading



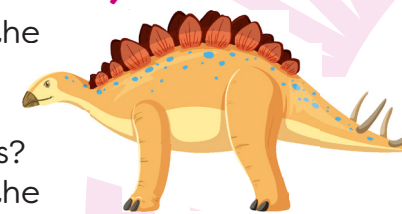
Developed by our team of educators and librarians, Stepping Stones to Milestones is a cohesive storytime experience. We aim to help children get ready to start school and to position parents and caregivers as their child's first teacher. During storytime early literacy development is supported and modeled through these five practices.

1. Singing
2. Talking
3. Reading
4. Writing
5. Playing

These practices that build a rich literacy environment are easy to do and can be done anywhere.

Do you know (Tune: Muffin Man)

Oh, do you know the stegosaurus?
The stegosaurus, the stegosaurus?
Oh, do you know the stegosaurus?
He had plates upon his back.



Additional Verses
Apatosaurus.....he has a very long neck.
Tyrannosaurus rex.....he was very fierce.
Triceratops....he has three big horns.

Try these songs or rhymes at home! Babies: One, Two, Three

One, two, three,
Tickle your knee. (*Tickle child's knee*)
Four, five, six,
Pick up sticks. (*Tickle child's tummy*)
Seven, eight, nine,
You're all mine! (*Hug child*)

Toddlers: Camping Song

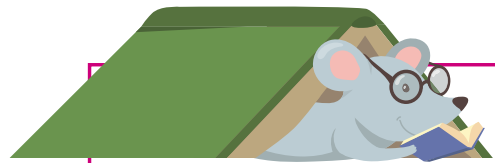
Sung to: "Where is Thumbkin?"
Let's go camping
Let's go camping
Pack the tent
Pack the tent
We will all go hiking
We will all go swimming
We will have fun!
We will have fun!



Preschoolers: Daddy Daddy

Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"
Daddy, Daddy let me say
I love you in every way
I love you for all you do
I love you for being you
Daddy, Daddy let me say
Have a happy Father's Day!





June Booklist

0-3 years

- Little Bitty Friends** by Elizabeth McPike
- Lola Loves Stories with Daddy** by Anna McQuinn
- If Animals Loved Books** by Ann Whitford Paul
- Hush, Little Bunny** by David Ezra Stein
- Are You There Little Puppy?** by Sam Taplin
- How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends?** by Jane Yolen

3-5 years

- Stomp, Soar, Dino Roar** by Max Amato
- A Good Place** by Lucy Cousins
- Llama, Llama Loves to Read** by Anna Dewdney
- Crunch, The Shy Dinosaur** by Cirocco Dunlap
- Bear and Hare Go Fishing** by Emily Gravett
- With Dad** by Richard Jackson
- Juneteenth: A First Look** by Katie Peters



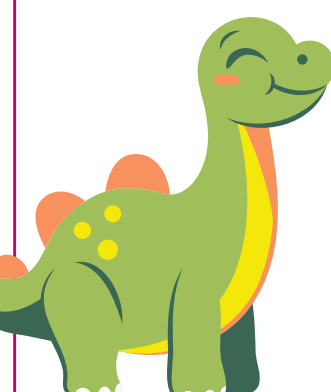

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Unearth a Story! June 1-August 31

Read, and complete activities to earn points and badges. Reach your reading goal to receive prizes. Register online at dcls.org/src or sign into your Beanstack account. If you already log books for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, no need to enter books twice.

Beanstack will count them for both challenges once you are registered.



Summer 2026 Stepping Stones to Milestones Schedule The first summer session is May 31 to July 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Ages Storytime 9:30 AM ESA	Born to Read 9:30 AM ESA	Toddler Storytime 9:30 AM ESA	Preschool Storytime 10:15 AM LOV	Preschool Storytime 9:15 AM ESA	
Toddler Storytime 10:15 EV	Born to Read 10:15 AM EV	All Ages Storytime 10:15 AM MOM	Preschool Storytime 10:15 AM AFL	Preschool Storytime 10:15 AM ND	
	Toddler Storytime 10:15 AM AFL	Born to Read 10:15 AM AFL	Preschool Storytime 10:15 AM EV	Born to Read 10:15 AM LOV	
	Toddler Storytime 10:15 AM LOV	Toddler Storytime 10:15 AM EV	Toddler Storytime 10:15 AM ND	Born to Read 10:30 AM ESA	
	Preschool Storytime 11:00 AM ESA	Toddler Storytime 11:00 AM ESA			

Read often to young children!

When you share books with young children, you support emerging literacy. Children are exposed to new words and they become familiar with the conventions of print. They also learn that pictures and words are symbols that can be interpreted.

Choose books that interest your child while also including different kinds of books. Picture books can be rich in vocabulary. Nonfiction books help build background knowledge, nurture curiosity about the world, and support comprehension.

Make reading time an enjoyable experience. Read with expression. Talk about the pictures as you read. Ask questions about the story. Connect the story to your child's world.

By spending as little as 15 minutes a day reading to children, you can make a significant difference in preparing them for future reading success. Build a reading habit into your daily schedule. Don't have 15 minutes all at once? That's fine. Share books in multiple shorter chunks of time.











LONG, LONG AGO

By Jean Warren

Long, long ago, when the earth was young.
Dinosaurs live here under the sun.
Some were big and some were small.
Some were fat and some were tall.
Some could swim and some could fly.
Some could stretch up very high.
Don't you wish they still roamed free
And lived somewhere that you could see?

June 2026 Early Literacy Activity Calendar

Activities in bold print are for all ages. Activities in plain text are good to share with preschoolers.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 It's National Dinosaur Day! Read a book about a dinosaur. 	2 It is National Repeat Day. Recite a favorite nursery rhyme then repeat it.	3 Join the Summer Reading Challenge at your library!	4 June begins with the letter J. Name 6 other words that begin with J.	5 Practice cutting scrap paper. 	6 Make pictures of suns using circles and drawing rays. Count how many rays are on each of your suns.
7 Go to a local park to play. Share your best memories of the day with each other at the end of day.	8 Practice writing the letter j. 	9 Play a game of Red Light, Green Light. When the leader calls green light, children move toward the finish line. They stop when they hear "red light"	10 Make a water sensory station for babies, toddlers, or preschoolers to explore.	11 Sing a book to your child. Visit the library for a book based on a children's song or make up your own tune.	12 Real or make believe? Read a Non-fiction book and compare it to a fiction picture book	13 Blow bubbles and count how many you pop. 
14 It Flag day! Wear red, white, and blue in honor of the colors of the American flag.	15 Sort toys by color as you clean up from playtime.	16 Look at a picture book and talk about the illustrations without reading the text.	17 Use paint brushes and water to "paint" pictures on the sidewalk or driveway.	18 Recite a rhyme or sing a song that is in the newsletter.	19 Visit the library. 	20 Label plastic cups with letters and have children roll a ball to knock over the cups as you call the letters.
21 Happy Father's Day! Read a book about a dad.	22 Use toys or household items to create a pattern. 	23 Sing a silly campfire song. 	24 Eat something green with your lunch or dinner.	25 Happy birthday Eric Carle. Read a book written or illustrated by him.	26 Look for all the stop signs when on a drive. Discuss how these signs help keep us safe.	27 Go star gazing and see if you can find the big dipper.
28 Visit the library. 	29 Have storytime outside. Find a shady spot to enjoy a book.	30 Count to ten in a loud voice, soft voice, high voice, and low voice.				