

Literacy Tubs Available at Healthy Start!

What are Literacy Tubs you ask?

Literacy Tubs are a FREE way to provide child care providers with child-friendly books, activities, rhyming games and other tools to help children ages 0-5 with pre-literacy and literacy instruction. All tubs may be checked out for a month at a time, with the exception of the Social-Emotional tubs which can be checked out for longer periods of time. Child care providers will be asked to try to keep track of the materials in the tub they check out—but if lost, Healthy Start will replace them.

Please contact **Susan at 721-3000, ext. 1022** to check out a tub for your child care facility!

Literacy Tubs Available to be checked out:

Insect Tub:

With activities to make your own “insects”, books to learn about them, and different types of magnifiers to examine your own insects—your kids will get to know all about the little creatures in the ground (and sometimes in our houses!).

Music Tub:

With a variety of musical instruments and sing-along tapes, your kids can start their own band! These favorite music song books and activities will be helpful when teaching young children pre-reading skills.

Native America Tub:

This interactive tub will help your children learn about the Native American culture through stories, songs, and different Native American cultural activities such as music, dance, and art.

Nature Tub:

With the nature literacy tub, your children can “get back to nature” with different rhyming games, activities, and books your children will love.

Gardening Tub:

Help children learn where their food comes from, how to grow their own food and flowers and understand the difference between fruits and vegetables in this tub with matching activities, songs and books!

Social-Emotional Tubs:

- The **PATHS tub** has puppets, emotional face cards, and a teacher instruction manual, and it can help your children learn about their emotions and how to deal with them. This tub can be checked out for up to two months.
- The “**Good Talking Words**” tub has books and activities for teaching social skills, such as talking, listening, sharing, helping, and manners. This tub can be checked out for up to three months.
- **On Monday When it was Raining** is a book about feelings that comes with a week’s worth of activity ideas.



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