

MISSOULA COUNTY EARLY LITERACY RESOURCES

Missoula Healthy Start Council is a collaborative group of organizations and individuals that works toward enhancing early childhood development and learning. For more information, contact Healthy Start at 728-KIDS or healthystart@parentingplace.net.

NOTE: Most of the programs below are available free of charge; however, eligibility requirements do vary. Contact individual agencies for specific information regarding services and eligibility.

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS 721-0009. "Tale Time" on Monday and Tuesday at 10am

CHILD CARE RESOURCES 728-6446. Serves low-income families with child care scholarships; provides literacy training and mentoring to child care providers. childcareresources.org

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC) 549-6413. Comprehensive services to families to promote the development and well-being of children with developmental disabilities or those who are at risk for developmental delay. childdevcenter.org

CO-TEACH PRESCHOOL @ UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA 243-6303. Offers children 3-5 a stimulating, playful first school experience to provide them with skills that enable them to succeed when they transition to kindergarten and during the years that follow. co-teach.com

EARLY HEAD START 251-9410. Serves children birth to 3 and/or prenatal families/pregnant mothers. Comprehensive services, including an early literacy component, delivered in three settings: home-based, center-based or prenatal options. maryglynn@ravalliheadstart.org

EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM 523-4033. Serves the whole family through four components: Parent & Child Time (family play); Adult Education (GED & job skills); Early Childhood Education (full day program) and Parent Time (parenting skills). evenstartmt@yahoo.com

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS. The centers provide support and programs to families with children from birth through school age including a "Tot Time" story time. For more information call the centers at the following schools: Bonner 258-6151x119 Franklin 327-0483 Hawthorne 327-6945 Lewis & Clark 327-6949 Lowell 327-0390 Rattlesnake 542-4914 Russell 728-2400x4846

FIRST CALL FOR HELP 211. An information & resource line to county programs, organizations and agencies.

HEAD START 728-5460. Provides a comprehensive child development program for the intellectual, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs of low-income children and their families. scot.anderson@childstartinc.net

HEALTHY START COUNCIL 728-KIDS. Offers early literacy information and referrals. Has early literacy activity tubs available for checkout. healthystart@parentingplace.net

MONTANA EARLY LITERACY PROJECT 243-6392. Provides educational and fun "tubs" containing theme related books and activities designed to enhance early literacy skills. Tubs are available to parents, teachers and childcare providers for a one-month checkout period. marcy.otten@mso.umt.edu

PARENTING PLACE 728-KIDS. Provides eight-week parenting classes with a children's program that includes fun learning activities. info@parentingplace.net

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

MISSOULA 721-2665: The Children's Department loans out Story Time Kits, which promote early literacy skills. "Story Time" for children 3 to 6: Monday at 7pm, Friday at 10:30am and Saturday at 11am. "Tiny Tales" for children birth to 3: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:30am.

SEELEY LAKE 677-8995: Located at the High School. A summer reading program is offered.

SWAN VALLEY 754-2521: Located next to the Community Hall. A summer reading program is offered.

WESTERN MONTANA RITECARE LANGUAGE & LITERACY CLINIC 243-5261 Provides evaluation and treatment services for young children experiencing speech, language and literacy difficulties along with carryover training for families. Priority given to families whose children do not qualify for services through the public school special education programs. soe.umt.edu/ders/LanguageClinic/

WORD 543-3550 Offers a variety of programs relating to early literacy including "Ready, Set, Grow", "ABC Kindergarten Readiness", "HANDS" and "PAT" (Parents As Teachers). Contact WORD for a complete description and schedule of programs. lpickett@wordinc.org

LITERACY RELATED WEB SITES

(For Parents and Professionals)

American Library Association - ala.org

Born Learning - bornlearning.org

Get Ready to Read - getreadytoread.org

Literacy Center Education Network - literacycenter.net

Montana Office of Public Instruction - opi.state.mt.us/parent

National Association for Education of Young Children -

naeyc.org

National Center for Family Literacy - familit.org

National Education Association/Read Across America -

nea.org/readacross

Public Broadcasting System - pbs.org

