

The eight workshops in Every Child Ready to Read® 2nd Edition are:

- Library Staff
- Parents
- Fun for Parents and Children
- Fun with Letters for Parents and Children
- Fun with Words for Parents and Children
- Fun with Science and Math for Parents and Children
- Early Literacy and Learning Spaces for Library Staff
- Community Partners

Each workshop is presented in a PowerPoint format. PowerPoint slides include notes that cover the most important points to make as part of the presentation.

The workshops are designed to be flexible. Presenters can customize workshops in the following ways:

- Vary the length by adding or deleting slides.
- Incorporate or substitute different activities or materials. Include photos of your library, as well as the library's URL, phone numbers, and other specific information.
- Combine workshops to expand content and extend the learning opportunity.

A brief description of each workshop appears below. More detailed information can be found in the introduction and instruction sheet for presenters, which precedes each PowerPoint presentation included in the Manual.

Library Staff Workshop

This workshop introduces staff to Every Child Ready to Read® 2nd Edition. Background information, an overview of updated early literacy research, an introduction to the five early literacy practices, and a preview of the Parent Workshop are included. The workshop can be used as a large group or small group learning activity; it also may be viewed individually as a tutorial. It lasts 45–55 minutes.

Parent Workshop

Parents, grandparents, and other caregivers learn why it's important for children to get ready to read starting at birth and the essential role of parents and other caregivers in developing early literacy skills. Participants learn how to use the five early literacy practices to nurture early literacy skills. The workshop includes discussion, demonstration, and activities. Handouts include "Get Ready to Read at Home" about creating an effective and affordable early literacy environment at home. This workshop, which lasts 50–55 minutes, is for adults only.

Fun for Parents and Children Workshop

Parents and other caregivers, along with children, engage in talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing activities that develop early literacy skills. This introduction to the five early literacy practices is for children from birth to age five and lasts 45–50 minutes.

Fun with Letters for Parents and Children Workshop

This workshop for parents and children uses songs, environmental print, alphabet books, and games or activities to introduce letter names and sounds. The workshop is recommended for children ages two to five and lasts about 45 minutes.

The workshop also can be presented to adults only. It can be combined with the Parent, Fun with Words, and Fun with Science and Math workshops to expand the content and extend the learning experience.

Fun with Words for Parents and Children Workshop

Parents and caregivers learn to use the five early literacy practices to help increase children's vocabulary and comprehension skills. Adults and children enjoy storytelling, book sharing, and other activities. The workshop is recommended for children ages two to five and lasts about 45 minutes.

The workshop also can be presented to adults only. It can be combined with the Parent, Fun with Letters, and Fun with Science and Math workshops to expand the content and extend the learning experience.

Fun with Science and Math for Parents and Children Workshop

This workshop for parents and children taps into children's natural curiosity to increase their background or general knowledge. The more general knowledge children have, the better prepared they are to understand what they read. Parents learn strategies for engaging young scientists and mathematicians in learning activities. The workshop is recommended for children ages two to five and lasts about 45 minutes.

The workshop also can be presented to adults only. It can be combined with the Parent, Fun with Letters, and Fun with Words workshops to expand the content and extend the learning experience.

Early Literacy and Learning Spaces Workshop for Staff

The physical environment impacts children's early literacy and learning experiences. This workshop for library staff focuses on the design and arrangement of library spaces for young children. Building on research and best practices, design principles are explored. The workshop is intended to facilitate conversation about how library spaces can support and encourage young children as they engage in the five early literacy practices. The workshop lasts 45–55 minutes.

Community Partners Workshop

Potential community partners are introduced to early literacy principles, the importance of helping children get ready to read before they begin school, the role of parents and caregivers, the basics of Every Child Ready to Read® 2nd Edition, and how the public library helps parents and caregivers prepare children for reading and school success. The goal is to begin a conversation with organizations that may join with your library to help every child get ready to read. The workshop and discussion may last 45–90 minutes, depending on the number of potential partners in attendance and their interest in developing partnerships.