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County Library to Celebrate Early Literacy Week 2015

Largo, MD – Since early literacy is important to our diverse communities, the Prince George's County Memorial Library System launches its 2015 Early Literacy Campaign this week. This campaign includes the completion of all 10 Ready 2 Read Centers, Beanstack, ABCmouse, AWE Literacy Stations and storytimes enhanced with early literacy tips.

Ready to Read Centers

Helping families with young children to talk, sing, read, draw/write, play and learn together each day is the goal of our Ready 2 Read Centers located at our Accokeek, Bowie, Fairmount Heights, Greenbelt, Hillcrest Heights, Hyattsville, Largo-Kettering, Oxon Hill, South Bowie and Spauldings branches. The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is proud to offer this early literacy space where very young children can enjoy literacy-rich, hands-on experiences and activities, such as blocks, dramatic play and puzzles. As they engage children in play, parents and caregivers strengthen their role as the child's first teacher and excite young minds to think creatively. An early literacy information display provides adults with ideas to take home and try.

Beanstack

Beanstack is an innovative tool to connect children and their families with books that match each child's specific age, interests, reading level and background. Sign up at <http://pgcmls.beanstack.org/> to use Beanstack on any computer or mobile device with Internet access. Library staff handpicked recommendations for your child will be emailed and also available on your online profile. A learning guide that contains helpful tips, background information and activities to encourage engagement and critical thinking accompanies each recommendation. Try this fun new way to get excited about books.

ABCMouse

ABCMouse was developed in close collaboration with early childhood education experts; its curriculum comprises the subjects of reading, math, science, social studies, art, and music. This resource is available for free in the branches throughout the PGCMLS library system. Some of the features included in ABCmouse.com are 3500+ interactive books, educational games, puzzles, and other learning activities, all of which research has found to be compelling and fun for youth.

AWE Early Literacy Stations

The AWE (Advanced Workstations in Education) Literacy Stations are a popular resource at the following PGCMLS library branches: Fairmount Heights, Glenarden, Hillcrest Heights, Hyattsville and Spauldings. AWE is founded upon literacy-focused digital learning solutions for early learners. Features of the AWE Early Literacy Stations™, designed for toddlers and preschoolers, and AfterSchool Edge™ Literacy Stations, designed for elementary school children include content aligned to STEM/STREAM and correlated to Common Core State Standards and state specific academic standards; and activities and content particularly suited for a wide variety of learning styles including auditory, visual, tactile & kinesthetic learners.

Storytimes

Storytimes are offered at all Library branches. During our Early Literacy Week Campaign, October 18-24, selected storytimes will include a special segment on early literacy presented by our Youth Services Coordinator and Family Literacy Specialist, along with other PGCMLS staff. Beanstack bags with early literacy tips will be distributed at these storytimes.

Explore new ways to jumpstart your child's education. Learn fun activities to do at home with your child to enhance reading readiness. Visit a library today!

About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Library services include: OverDrive, Inc. (audiobook and e-book downloads), FastPencil (self-publishing platform for e-books), hoopla (digital video, music and audiobook downloads), Freegal (music downloads), Zinio (magazine downloads) and Brainfuse (tutoring and workforce development). All services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Library programs include: Storytimes, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Book Discussions, Book Signings, Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Chess Clubs, Read to Rover, Game On and so much more. For additional information visit our website at www.pgcmls.info.

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