



## Family Reading Program 2019-2020

Welcome to today's Family Reading Program training. The Family Reading Program (FRP) is an adult/child early literacy project by the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records and Northern Nevada Literacy Council through LSTA funding and a grant from the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra. We have the following three objectives:

1. To establish early literacy programming in all public libraries.
2. To double the number of children in Nevada who read proficiently after third grade by 2020.
3. To provide library staff with the ability to instruct parents and caregivers to give children a strong foundation in early literacy. By using what you learn at this workshop, you will give families the gift of lifelong learning and ensure a better future for us all.

For parents and children ages birth – 2 we've incorporated the Family Storyteller Program created by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. According to UNCE website, "the award-winning Family Storyteller Program provides parents and educators ideas, resources and fun activities for sharing books with young children. It is especially for families who are learning English or who have few children's books at home." Access the UNCE Family Storyteller page and additional resources at <https://www.unce.unr.edu/parenting/storyteller/>.

For parents and their children ages 3 – 8, we've incorporated seven skills identified by Ellen Galinsky who, in her 2010 book *Mind in the Making*, condenses the results of hundreds of scientific studies on children and learning into a practical skill set. MITM emphasizes cognitive flexibility, working memory, and inhibitory control, which lead to increased learning outcomes.

In this year's Family Reading Program, we've selected read-aloud books identified on the MITM website that specifically target each of the seven identified MITM developmental skills that

children need for success in school and in life. Each book is paired with a book-related parent/child activity that leads to skill mastery.

“The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs” identified by Ellen Galinsky are:

- 1. Focus And Self Control**
- 2. Perspective Taking**
- 3. Communicating**
- 4. Making Connections**
- 5. Critical Thinking**
- 6. Taking On Challenges**
- 7. Self-Directed, Engaged Learning**

Please share the books, ideas, and other resources covered in this training with your library staff. Use them in your library programs, outreaches, and as materials that patrons can check out for home use. If you have questions about the Family Reading Program or the training materials, please contact:

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