Chapter 1 Resources

Books


Articles


Puckett, Margaret, Carol Sue Marshall, and Ruth Davis. “Examining the Emergence of Brain Development Research: The Promises and the Perils.” Childhood Education, Fall 1999: 8–12.


E-resources

Association for Library Service to Children. http://www.ala.org/alsc/. Click on the categories “Online Learning” and “Professional Tools” for listings of resources.

Brooklyn Public Library. “Brooklyn Reads to Babies.” The goal of this campaign, aimed at parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers, is to underscore the importance of reading aloud to children during the first years of life and to emphasize this unique bonding opportunity. http://www .bklynpubliclibrary.org/first-5-years/read/baby.

Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy. http://www.clel.org/. This joint effort by Colorado’s public libraries and its state library developed a comprehensive statewide approach to delivering and supporting early literacy services.
CYFERnet: Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network. http://www.cyfernet.org/. CYFERnet provides a database of research and reports related to children, youth, and families on such topics as child development and parenting. The site also offers practical research-based tools, curricula, and activities for working with these groups.

Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences (I-LABS), University of Washington. http://ilabs.washington.edu/. The I-LABS center studies the “fundamental principles of human learning,” with emphasis on learning in children. This site makes available for viewing presentations by Dr. Patricia Kuhl and Dr. Andrew Meltzoff on such topics as early learning, brain development, and language acquisition (http://ilabs.washington.edu/multimedia-resources). It also provides links to partnership sites where additional information can be found (http://ilabs.washington.edu/i-labs-early-learning-partners).


National Association for the Education of Young Children. http://www.naeyc.org/. This is the website of the world’s largest organization advocating on behalf of young children and those who work with them. To find early-learning information, enter the phrase “early years are learning years” in the search box at the top of the screen.


National Research Council. http://www.nationalacademies.org/nrc/index. This nonprofit organization, composed of the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council, works to provide advice and research on science, engineering, and health matters. This site includes reports such as the Colorado Department of Education’s Starting Out Right: A Guide to Promoting Children’s Reading Success (http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=6014).


Talaris Institute. http://www.talaris.org/. Talaris provides easy-to-understand tools and information regarding early brain and behavioral development. The intended audience includes parents and others who interact with children, such as educators, child-care workers, and health professionals.


Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families. http://www.zerotothree.org/. This organization “informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.” The site offers research articles, podcasts, video clips, and handouts to download on such topics as early learning, brain development, self-esteem, crying, influence of the father on a young child’s development, and other subjects of interest to those who interact with young children.
Chapter 2 Resources

Development

Carlson, Frances M. *Essential Touch: Meeting the Needs of Young Children.*


Language and Literacy


**Grandparents**


**E-resources**

American Association of Retired People. http://www.aarp.org/. AARP offers information for seniors in many areas, including grandparenting. On the homepage, click on “Home and Family” and then “Family and Friends.” The AARP website also has a search box where you can search for the term “grandparent.” Subjects covered include raising grandchildren, family relationships, financial health, and providing child care for grandchildren. Also included are links to sites that offer statistics and reports in this area of interest.

American Library Association. http://www.ala.org/. Born to Read, http://www.ala.org/alsc/issuesadv/borntoread, a site created by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), provides tips for reading, book sharing, websites, information on emergent literacy, and booklists that can be shared with parents. Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library®, http://www.everychildreadytoread.org/, is a joint project of the ALSC and the Public Library Association, both of which are divisions of the American Library Association. This site provides workshop information, handouts, and research on the topic of early literacy.
Child and Family WebGuide, Tufts University. http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/. This directory lists sites presenting childhood development research and advice that have been evaluated by graduate students at Tufts University.

Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute (FPG). http://www.fpg.unc.edu/about-fpg. The FPG studies important issues facing young children and their families, using this information to enhance policy, improve practice, and inform.

Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences (I-LABS), University of Washington. http://ilabs.washington.edu/. I-LABS “is an interdisciplinary center dedicated to discovering the core principles of human learning, with special emphasis on work that will enable all children from 0 to 5 to achieve their full potential.”

Talaris Research Institute. http://www.talaris.org/. This website provides easy-to-understand research and information on brain and behavioral development for parents and other adults who interact with young children and their families.

Washington State Department of Early Learning. http://www.del.wa.gov/. This site offers links to downloadable development charts, for example, one that covers birth to six years of age (http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/docs/PrescreenChart_English.pdf).

Young Children, National Association for the Education of Young Children. http://www.naeyc.org/yc/. This professional journal of the NAEYC concentrates on topics and issues related to the field of early childhood education.

Zero to Three. http://www.zerotothree.org/. This national, nonprofit, multidisciplinary organization informs, educates, and supports adults who influence the lives of infants and toddlers.

Chapter 3 Resources

Services


**Partnerships and Funding/Grants**


Staines, Gail M. *Go Get That Grant!* Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2010.

**E-resources**


King County Library System, Redmond Library. Nonprofit and Philanthropy Resource Center. http://guides.kcls.org/content.php?pid=108819andsid=818670. This website offers over 200 links to other sites dealing with nonprofit and fundraising topics. It is part of the Cooperating Collections Network, which provides information on private philanthropic giving to the grant-seeking public.

Reach Out and Read. http://www.reachoutandread.org/. This national nonprofit promotes early literacy by making books a routine part of pediatric care, including placing books in pediatric waiting rooms. It trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and provides books to give children at pediatric checkups from six months to five years of age. Children growing up in poverty are its primary focus.

**Toys, Furniture, and Other Supplies**

Community Playthings (early childhood furniture, storage, toys, etc.). http://www.communityplaythings.com/. Mail: 359 Gibson Hill Road, Chester, NY 10918-2321. Phone: 1-800-777-4244.


Gaylord (library furniture, learning materials, library supplies, etc.). http://www.gaylord.com/. Mail: PO Box 4901, Syracuse, NY 13221-4901.


Lakeshore Learning (educational products such as puzzles, toys, musical instruments, etc., that support early childhood and elementary curriculum, including the areas of language and literacy). http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/. Mail: 2695 East Dominguez Street, Carson, CA 90895.


Chapter 4 Resources

Resources for Books and Programming

Print Resources for Storytime Books and Programming


**Sources for “Big Books”**


**E-resources for Storytime Books and Programming**


This national organization for children’s librarians in the United States offers bibliographies and early literacy information and activities.


Besides program offerings and booklists, this website provides *Birth to Six News* (a newsletter), “Tech Together” (technology experiences for children), “Raising Readers” (early literacy websites), a Spanish version (“En Español”), tips on how to make the most of your library, and parenting/child-care resources as well as Read to Me videos (http://hclib.org/Birthto6/readtome/index.cfm) that explain the importance of reading to children.

Kent District Library, Michigan. “Play-Grow-Read!” http://www.kdl.org/kids/go/pgr_main. This Parents and Kids section offers books, different literacy activities, tips for reading with your children in languages other than English, storytime videos, and the *Early Lit Bits* newsletter.
King County Library System, Washington. “Booklists: Ages Birth to Five.” http://www.kcls.org/kids/whattoread/booklists/birth_to_five.cfm. This page offers a number of age categories to choose from; clicking on one will bring up the relevant booklist.


Koester, Amy. The Show Me Librarian (blog). http://showmelibrarian.blogspot.com/. This blog, created in 2012, is devoted to children’s librarianship. The blogger shares her own program successes and learning moments with other librarians, who in turn share theirs. The goal is to assist other librarians in their work. The blog reflects only the blogger’s opinion while helping to share the contributions of the community of children’s librarians.

Lambert, Sylvia Leigh. Goose Time Pathfinder: Library Programs with Books and Babies. Last updated July 9, 2003. http://www.unc.edu/~sllamber/pathfinder/mothergooseindex.html. This pathfinder is aimed at those who serve children in the public library field and are interested in starting and/or developing programs for very young children. Areas covered include books, fingerplays, props/puppets, recordings, educational resources, and potential partners.


Multnomah County Library, Oregon. “Early Literacy: Birth to Six.” http://www.multcolib.org/birthtosix. This website offers information on early literacy, brain development, and more.

Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, Maryland. “Reading Ever After.” http://www.pgcmls.info/REA. This resource offers early literacy information, booklists, and things to do to promote reading readiness.

San Francisco Public Library, California. “Early Literacy.” http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=2000152501. This site offers bibliographies to share with babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Click on the desired age group listed on the right-hand side of the page.
Resources for Rhymes, Fingerplays, and Songs

Print Resources


**Audio Resources**

Cobb, Jane. *What’ll I Do with the Baby-O?* Book with CD (English, Spanish, sampling of other languages such as German, Mandarin, French, and Dutch). Vancouver, BC: Black Sheep Press, 2006.


Jaeger, Sally, and Erika Webster. *Here Comes Mr. Bear!* CD. Aurora, ON: Merriweather Records, 2009.


**E-resources**

The Best Kids Booksite. http://thebestkidsbooks.com/. This site has many English rhymes and fingerplays that you can browse through by topic and translate into other languages. You will need to check the translations for accuracy since word-for-word translations do not always work.
Working in partnership with Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Services, CLEL offers a collection of 30- to 60-second videos “to model to parents, caregivers, and library staff some songs, rhymes, and fingerplays appropriate for early childhood. English and Spanish rhymes are both represented.”


Chapter 5 Resources

Music

Print Resources


E-resources


KidzSing Garden of Song. http://gardenofsong.com/. Don't know the melody? This site features audio of tunes for English-language nursery rhymes and songs and links to other children's music websites.

King County Library System. “Tell Me a Story.” http://wiki.kcls.org/tellmeastory/index.php/Main_Page. KCLS children's librarians have filmed hundreds of videos demonstrating rhymes and songs. The words to even more rhymes are made available for families to try at home.

Nancy Stewart. http://nancymusic.com/. This website of an award-winning professional musician and songwriter includes activity pages for making homemade instruments, games to play with music, information about how to share music with babies, and links to sites related to music and children. The “Song of the Month” page offers a new original song each month, along with the melody, lyrics, and activities, for free download.


Sally Jaeger. http://sallyjaeger.com/. This popular Canadian storyteller provides materials that are available in DVD and CD formats. The website offers lyrics to songs on CD as free downloads. Here Comes Mr. Bear and From Wibbleton to Wobbleton include songs, rhymes, bounces, tickles, hello songs, walking and galloping songs, and lullabies. From Wibbleton to Wobbleton on DVD is a live recording of an actual Music with Young Children program and is a good way to learn new ways of using traditional material.

Sing with Our Kids. http://singwithourkids.com/. This website offers free resources for early learning through community singing. Resources include song library, video library, community toolbox, grandparents’ corner, tips and tricks from experts, and early learning and music information.

Zero to Three. http://www.zerotothree.org/. The mission of this website, from a national, nonprofit, multidisciplinary organization, is to inform, educate, and support adults who influence the lives of infants and toddlers. It offers well-documented and carefully written brochures to hand out; many can be downloaded and others purchased.

**Distributors of Children’s Media**


**Flannel Boards**

**Print Resources**


**Distributors of Flannel-Board Supplies**

AccuCut: Die Cutting Products for Craft, Education, and Custom Use.  

Beyond Play: Products for Early Childhood and Special Needs.  


Preschool Express by Jean Warren (preschool activities and ideas that include “Pattern Station,” which is useful for making flannel-board pieces). http://www.preschoolexpress.com/.

**Puppets**

**Print Resources**


**Distributors of Puppet Supplies**

Crafts from Bolivia. (3 Bags Full Finger Puppet Pouches: theme sets of finger puppets with a storage bag that also serves as the story board). http://www.craftsfrombolivia.com/. Mail: 504-581 Avenue Road, Toronto, ON M4V 2K4, Canada. Phone: 416-481-40664.


Language

Print Resources


E-resources

Michigan State University Communication Technology Laboratory. American Sign Language Browser. http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm. This website is an online ASL browser of video of thousands of ASL signs being demonstrated. This site, although useful, links to a more up-to-date site called Signing Savvy (http://www.signingsavvy.com/).

HandSpeak. http://www.handspeak.com/. Created by Jolanta Lapiak, this is a content site on sign language, consisting of an ASL online dictionary, grammar tutorials, finger spelling, baby talk in ASL, literary arts (storytelling and poetry), and other features.

Movement

Print Resources


**E-resources**

Nurturing Pathways Inc. [http://www.nurturingpathways.com/](http://www.nurturingpathways.com/). This creative dance program is based on scientific research that movement has an impact on a child’s development.

Preschool Express by Jean Warren. [http://preschoolexpress.com/](http://preschoolexpress.com/). This free online activity resource is for parents, teachers, and grandparents of toddlers (ages 1–3) and preschoolers (ages 3–5).

**Props: Parachutes/Scarves/Streamers**

**Print and Audio Resources**


**Creative Activities and Play**

**Print Resources**


Bibliography


**E-resources**


Bright Ring Publishing. http://brightring.com/. This site offers award-winning art activity books as well as free art activities and links to favorite websites.

Enchanted Learning. http://enchantedlearning.com/Home.html. This is a good source for accessing curriculum material online.


Kids Crafts Weekly. http://kidscraftweekly.com/. Here you will find free kids’ craft ideas and printable projects; they may need modifications for younger children.

Preschool Express by Jean Warren. http://preschoolexpress.com/. This is a free online educational activity resource for parents, teachers, and grandparents of toddlers (ages 1–3) and preschoolers (ages 3–5).

**Handouts and Information for Displays**

**E-resources**

Association for Library Service to Children. “Born to Read.” http://www.alala.org/alsc/issuesadv/borntoread. This site provides tips for reading, book sharing, websites, information on emergent literacy, and booklists that can be shared with parents.

Association for Library Service to Children and Public Library Association. “Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library.” http://www.everychildreadytoread.org/. This site provides workshop information, handouts, and research on the topic of early literacy.

Brooklyn Public Library. “Brooklyn Reads to Babies.” http://www.bklynpubliclibrary.org/first-5-years/read/baby. This campaign, aimed at parents and caregivers of babies and toddlers, underscores the importance of reading aloud to children during the first years of life.

——. “First 5 Years.” http://www.bklynpubliclibrary.org/first-5-years/.
This page offers suggested books, rhymes, songs, and play activities for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

——. “Read, Play, Grow!” http://www.bklynpubliclibrary.org/first-5-years/play/baby. This program promotes play activities that help develop early literacy.

Hennepin County Library. “Birth to Six.” http://www.hclib.org/BirthTo6. This site offers suggestions and information on books, songs, rhymes, and other ways of developing early literacy in conjunction with talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together.

King County Library System. “Parents and Care Givers.” http://www.kcls.org/parents/. This page provides links to websites that would be of interest to parents, including child-care resources, families with special-needs children, government sites, and library system services and resources for families.

——. “Tell Me a Story.” http://www.kcls.org/tellmeastory/. This site is a “storytime companion” for parents and caregivers. It provides the lyrics and videos of many rhymes and songs used in storytimes and allows families to see what was presented at storytime at their branch if they were unable to attend.
Multnomah County Library. “Early Literacy: Birth to Six.” https://www.multcolib.org/birhtosix/. This library’s website offers parent education, their “Every Child Initiative,” and discussion of how reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing with children every day can help them get ready to read.

National Association for the Education of Young Children. http://www.naeyc.org/. This is the website of the world’s largest organization advocating on behalf of young children and those who work with them. To find early learning information, enter the phrase “early years are learning years” in the search box at the top of the screen.

National Literacy Trust (Great Britain). “Talk to Your Baby.” http://www.talktoyourbaby.org.uk/home. This campaign encourages parents and child-care providers to talk more to children from birth to three.

Reach Out and Read. http://www.reachoutandread.org/. This national nonprofit promotes early literacy by making books a routine part of pediatric care, including placing books in pediatric waiting rooms. It trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud. The site features PDF handouts for downloading on many early childhood topics.

Reading Rockets. “Reading Topics A to Z.” http://www.readingrockets.org/atoz/. This national multimedia project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, provides information and resources to parents, teachers, child-care providers, administrators, and others who touch the life of a child about various topics regarding children and reading. They provide PDF handouts on many early childhood topics for downloading.

Talaris Institute. http://www.talaris.org/. The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to offer parents accurate information and research on topics of parenting in an understandable, concise way so it can be applied practically in their lives.

Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families. http://www.zerotothree.org/. This national, nonprofit organization “informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.”