

Literacy and the Youngest Learner

2017 Professional Learning Sessions

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--- For professionals working with young children (birth - age 6) ---
Sponsored by the Early Years Centres of Waterloo Region
and offered on select Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
at the YMCA Early Years Centre, 161 Roger Street, Waterloo

- #1: The Importance of Early Literacy & Numeracy.....Monday, January 16
- #2: Literacy Frameworks for Early Learning.....Monday, January 30
- #3: Oral Language.....Monday, February 13
- #4: Reading Aloud with Children.....Monday, March 27
- #5: Phonological Awareness.....Monday, April 10
- #6: Dramatic Play and Literacy.....Monday, April 24
- #7: Books and Book Nooks.....Monday, May 8
- #8: Emergent Writing.....Monday, June 5
- #9: Literacy and Math Around the Room.....Monday, September 11
- #10: Literacy and Math Outdoors.....Monday, September 25
- #11: Building Literacy PartnershipsMonday, October 23
- #12: E-books and Apps for Early Literacy and Math...Monday, November 6

A certificate is awarded after completing all 12 sessions and a final professional reflection.

Pre-registration is required at oeycliteracy@ckwymca.ca or 519-741-8585 x227



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#1: The Importance of Early Literacy & Numeracy (January 16, 2017)

- Recent research and resources related to early literacy and numeracy
- Early literacy and numeracy milestones

#2: Literacy Frameworks for Early Learning (January 30, 2017)

- 10 areas of early literacy development
- ELECT, The Kindergarten Program, Hanen's Learning Language and Loving It, ECR2R2, Family Math, etc.

#3: Oral Language (February 13, 2017)

- Value of home language(s) and speech and language milestones
- 30 Million Word Gap and strategies for promoting oral language development

#4: Reading Aloud with Children (March 27, 2017)

- Dialogic reading and other strategies for reading aloud with children
- Reading material for different stages and interests

#5: Phonological Awareness (April 10, 2017)

- The importance of music and rhyming
- Strategies for supporting phonological skill development

#6: Dramatic Play and Literacy (April 24, 2017)

- Continuum of dramatic play development
- Fostering of literacy-rich and math-rich opportunities

#7: Books and Book Nooks (May 8, 2017)

- Book nook features and designs
- Different types of books and other reading materials

#8: Emergent Writing (June 5, 2017)

- Stages of drawing and writing
- Writing tools and meaningful writing opportunities

#9: Literacy and Math Around the Room (September 11, 2017)

- Indoor opportunities and resources to foster literacy and numeracy

#10: Literacy and Math Outdoors (September 25, 2017)

- Outdoor opportunities and resources to foster literacy and numeracy

#11: Building Literacy Partnerships (October 23, 2017)

- Engagement of families, professionals, and the community to support early literacy and numeracy
- Effective communication with families, other professionals, and the community

#12: E-books and Apps for Early Literacy and Math (November 6, 2017)

- The opportunities and challenges of screen time for early literacy and math learning
- Early learning websites, apps, and other e-resources

*For more information, contact the Early Literacy Specialist at oeycliteracy@ckwymca.ca or 519-741-8585 x 227