

Hennepin County Library storytimes	Early literacy skills modeled	Other storytime activities	Language and literacy indicators of progress related to Hennepin County Library storytimes			
			Listening	Speaking	Emergent reading	Emergent writing
Baby Storytime (0-2 yrs)	print motivation vocabulary	movement (small and large) music rhyming, words, and poetry parent education/involvement visual/realia (puppets, toys, interactive books)	Listens with understanding to stories  Listens to and recognizes different sounds in rhymes and familiar words	Uses increasingly complex and varied vocabulary and language  Initiates, asks questions, and responds in conversation with others	Initiates stories and responds to stories told or read aloud  Represents stories told or read aloud through various media or during play  Guesses what will happen next in a story using pictures as a guide  Retells information from a story  Shows beginning understanding of concepts about print	Understands that writing is a way of communicating  Uses scribbles shapes, pictures, or dictation to represent thoughts or ideas  Engages in writing using letter-like symbols to make letters or words  Begins to copy or write own name
Toddler Storytime (2-3 yrs)	print motivation print awareness vocabulary letter knowledge	movement (small and large) music rhyming, words, and poetry parent education/involvement visual/realia (puppets, flip charts)				
Preschool Storytime (4-6 yrs)	print motivation print awareness vocabulary narrative skills letter knowledge phonological sensitivity	movement (small and large) music parent education/involvement visual/realia (book kits, props, puppets)				
Family Storytime (2-6 yrs)	print motivation print awareness vocabulary narrative skills letter knowledge phonological sensitivity	movement (small and large) music parent education/involvement realia (puppets, props, flannel boards, flipcharts)			Recognizes and names some letters from the alphabet, especially those in own name  Begins to associate sounds with words or letters	

**Table 1: HCL Storytimes and MN Early Learning Standards for Language and Literacy Development**

Sources: <http://www.hclib.org/BirthTo6/> and <http://education.state.mn.us/>

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