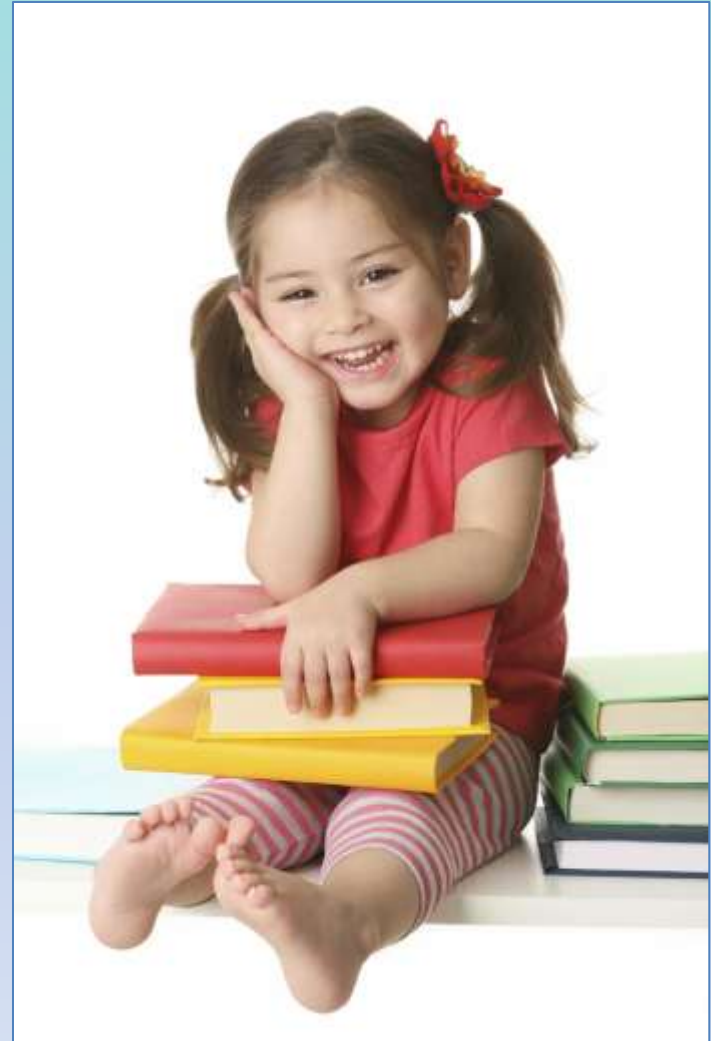


Rhythm & Rhyme – A Sensory Story Time

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Library Mission

*The library opens windows to the world
by encouraging expression, enlightenment,
and exploration.*

Explore and Know Our Community

Make Career Choices

Visit a Comfortable Place

Make Informed Decisions

Stimulate and Express Imagination

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Originality

Our program is the only literacy-based program designed for this population in Cumberland County.



Replication

Incorporates many elements as other story time programs, such as books, flannel board stories, puppets, music and dance.

Program Format

- Welcome Book/Music
- Book
- Action Song
- Flannel Story
- Book Puppets
- Action Rhyme
- Flannel Story
- Book
- Goodbye Book/Action



Replication – Physical Environment

- Picture Schedule
- Keep lights low
- Do not offer snacks
- Presenters do not wear fragrance
- Room arrangement consistent from week to week
- Keep materials hidden when not in use



Community Involvement

Autism Society of Cumberland County (ASCC)

- Local parent group of ASCC gave feedback on programming ideas
- ASCC promotes the Rhythm & Rhyme Story Time through its newsletter and Facebook page

Therapy Dog International (TDI)

- Volunteer provides therapy dog for children to meet during story time
- Children benefit from interaction – enjoy throwing treats, petting the dog, and encouraging the dog to perform tricks

Camp Sunshine

- Summer camp for children and young adults with autism
- Library presented a series of story times for children



Publicity

Free publicity through Autism Society of Cumberland County newsletter and Facebook page.

Library monthly Calendar of Events, Facebook page, blog and web site, in-house posters and signs.

Feature articles in our weekly newspaper column.

Word of mouth to customers at service desks and during other library programs and events.



Results to Cost Ratio



Only materials purchased:
Rise and Shine by Raffi and
Wave Goodbye by Rob Reid.

Total cost was less than \$30
And made possible through
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