EXPLORE EVPL
SUMMER 2021

MISSION
We cultivate curiosity by creating wonder.

VISION
Communities united through shared exploration and understanding.

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DISCOVER. EXPLORE. CONNECT.
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### EVPL CLOSINGS

Memorial Day - May 31 | Independence Day - July 4 & 5

EVPL team members are permitted to photograph and film library patrons for library promotions in accordance with the library’s Filming and Photography Policy. If you do not wish for you or your child to be photographed or filmed, please let a staff member know. To request this publication in an alternative accessible format, please contact the Marketing Team at 812.428.8200 ext. 1228 or marketing@evpl.org. If you need an accessibility or dietary accommodation in order to participate in a library program, please contact the Programming and Outreach Office at 812.428.8200 ext. 1439 or programming@evpl.org no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.
During 2020, EVPL undertook an inclusive approach to creating our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. Through surveys and a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, library users, EVPL team members, and our Board of Trustees provided EVPL with feedback and recommendations for where we should take library services over the next three years. What resulted is a plan that gives four broad strategic goals and objectives on how to achieve those goals.

From the Strategic Plan, we have additional internal plans that break down the objectives into action steps, work projects, and more specific ways that we can move toward our larger goals. EVPL team members from all library locations have been integral to the process and are driving how we move forward. It is EVPL’s goal to work collaboratively across locations and departments in new ways in order to better serve our community and to better work together. We will assess how and whether we are meeting our objectives and goals annually, which will include community surveys to keep us informed of how you think we are doing as we undertake new initiatives and rethink library services.

“We welcome the opportunity to be your place for learning, connecting, fun, and being you!”

STRATEGIC Plan

By Heather McNabb, Engagement & Experience Officer
EVPL STRIVES TO BE YOUR PLACE FOR LEARNING, CONNECTING, Fun, & Being You.

Our **Learning** Objectives

Provide training and growth opportunities for all staff, including in-service learning days, webinars, conferences, coaching, etc., leading to expert and knowledgeable staff.

Explore multiple communication channels that engage and inform our staff and community about learning opportunities.

Create learning opportunities that result in an improved quality of life and/or increased skills in the Evansville community.

Increase digital literacies.

Learn from and listen to staff to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness.

Our **Connecting** Objectives

Integrate new technologies into customer experiences and into library spaces.

Re-evaluate locations, buildings, and spaces through a Master Facilities Plan that takes into consideration shifts in community demographics.

Adapt interiors to meet community needs, including spaces which promote and allow for social connection and collaboration.

Provide programs that encourage and support building communities.

Increase reach in the community through services, outreach, relationships, and being in new spaces and places.

Our **Fun** Objectives

Design spaces that are fun and inspire creativity.

Encourage curiosity and play for all ages through resources and experiences.

Plan programs that reflect the community’s interests and enjoyment.

Implement staff experiences that increase employee satisfaction.

Create and find wonder and excitement daily.

Our **Being You** Objectives

Ensure that collections and programs are reflective of multiple life experiences, beliefs, and the interests of our communities.

Recruit high quality, diverse staff that enhance workplace culture.

Continually assess and improve accessibility, whether in physical or digital environments.

Provide customer experiences that are personalized when needed, but are always friendly and welcoming to all.

Listen and respond to changing customer needs, being open to new ideas.
OUR 2021 PRIORITIES

THESE PRIORITIES INCLUDE ACTION PLAN STEPS FOR 2021 AND STEPS THAT WILL BEGIN IN 2021 AND CONTINUE IN FUTURE YEARS.

LEARNING

Retitle roles so that they are easier to understand and more reflective of the work.
Partner with outside organizations and agencies to help job seekers increase skills or find jobs.
Assess current reach of communication channels and marketing efforts.
Expand eAccess program to more grades and schools
Complete EVPL Maker Central and provide instructional sessions on the tools available.
Develop and implement culture of mentoring/coaching, including new trainings for all supervisors/managers.
Create an online resource sharing list/tool for community services and information.

CONNECTING

Ensure that staffing models that support programming.
Assess where EVPL locations are within the county to ensure that locations are properly placed.
Evaluate spaces within locations and update as needed.
Increase adult and teen programs that build communities around interests or hobbies.
Research technologies that could help citizens access the internet, including feasibility studies of offerings.
Utilize technology more to unite staff and locations across the system.
Extend wifi reach and coverage.
Grow outreach services utilizing new vehicles.
Research and investigate other lending models and ways to be in other spaces - kiosks, lockers, vending machine model.
Create building and/or renovation plan for EVPL locations.

FUN

Design spaces that are fun and inspire creativity.
Encourage curiosity and play for all ages through resources and experiences.
Plan programs that reflect the community’s interests and enjoyment.
Implement staff experiences that increase employee satisfaction.
Create and find wonder and excitement daily.
Attempt to involve the public in space design and redesign efforts.

BEING YOU

Look at new and different employee benefits to expand upon what is currently offered. Additionally, evaluate health options/allowance for part-time staff.
Create a Library of Things.
Assess whether materials are easily findable by customers.
Increase bias training at all levels, including within the hiring process.
Revise/re-evaluate Collection Development Policy and procedures to be aligned with EDISJ+, when possible across all formats.
Expand Book Bundles, Activity Bundles, and Take & Makes to be regular EVPL services.
Investigate adding EDISJ+ work to a role description and or hire a specific person to that role.
Business Central

Located downtown at EVPL Central, but serving the entirety of Vanderburgh County, EVPL Business Central is a dedicated team that focuses on providing quality business reference, information, and programming to the community.

Whether you are a student, a job seeker, aspiring entrepreneur, or a seasoned business veteran, EVPL has the resources you need, free of charge. Collections include a substantial reference reading section, job and career books, investment and financial data both in print and online, and a wealth of databases that provide real-time market research, job seeker tools, business planning, and more.

Getting Connected

Business Central is here to provide support for anyone in need of job searching assistance, resources for starting or maintaining a business, continuing employee and/or organization education, and so much more. Visit evpl.org/business-central/ to discover all the resources and solutions available to you right now.

If you’d like to stop by in person, we invite you to visit the second floor and browse the Business Central collection for nonfiction reading, inspiration, and education! If you are looking for in-depth research or unique business services, head online to evpl.org and check out our databases some of which are highlighted on the next page.

Want something tailored just for you? Interested in partnering with EVPL for programming, or want to discover how Business Central can support your business or organization? Contact our Business Librarian to set up a one-on-one consultation today.

“Whether you are a student, a job seeker, aspiring entrepreneur, or a seasoned business veteran, EVPL has the resources you need, all free of charge.”
SELECTED RESOURCES

Brainfuse JobNow | An online career tool
Your one-stop resource for live resume review, job coaching, and interview practice. Jump-start your employment needs with award winning resume templates, career assessments, and unemployment form assistance. Available online through your personal device or computer or in person at the library.

Gale Entrepreneureship | A database
From accounting to technology, Gale Courses offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor-led courses that you may take entirely online. As an EVPL library card holder, you have access to these courses at no cost. New sessions begin monthly and typically run for six weeks.

Foundations Center | A computer resource
Critical for searching individual or organizational funding, the Foundations Center is a tool for locating and selecting grants, scholarships, and awards. As a specialized directory, it provides in-depth information for philanthropic organizations and specific awards, including those who are currently accepting applications. Due to the professional nature of this resource, it is available only within the library; please ask a librarian if you would like to access the Foundations Center.

LOOKING AHEAD

As EVPL continues to expand in-person services to the public, Business Central is excited to extend its impact by creating plans for future programming and partnerships. Please look forward to upcoming announcements and developments! In the meantime, we invite you to connect with our business librarian and take full advantage of our current amenities.

SIERRA PANDY

EVPL’s Business Librarian is Sierra Pandy. An MLIS graduate from St. Catherine University in Minnesota, Sierra moved to Evansville in October to take up the mantle of EVPL’s Business Central. Sierra’s goal is to connect the community to new resources and opportunities to thrive, while supporting individuals pursuing personal goals. With a background in business, marketing, writing, and graphic design, Sierra is uniquely positioned to work together with the diverse needs of Vanderburgh County.
If you’re like most people, somewhere you have boxes full of old photos that you’d like to be able to scan and save for future reference, for relatives, or to be able to email or post on social media. Maybe you’d even like to be able to preserve those items so that you have an extra copy, should something happen to the originals.

Converting, organizing, and storing your analog and digital files is referred to as “Personal Digital Archiving”, and EVPL has a public space where you can scan photos and documents and convert analog music and video to digital files called the Preservation Studio.

The Preservation Studio at EVPL, located in the Indiana Room, is a self-service photo scanning and audio/video conversion studio that allows you to convert analog media such as photo prints, slides, negatives, paper documents, audio cassette tapes, video cassette tapes, 8mm and Super 8 film, DVDs, LPs to digital files that can be saved either to a flash drive or to cloud storage.

You do not need an EVPL card to use the Preservation Studio, but a few things are required in order to use it. To use the Studio, you must:

- Be capable of operating a computer, scanning and/or conversion equipment independently
- Complete a short series of training videos relating to EVPL’s equipment  
  (Video orientation can be completed during your first appointment.)
- Sign the EVPL Preservation Studio Use Agreement
- Provide your own storage media (flash drive, CD/DVD-R) or have access to and knowledge of the use of a cloud storage account like Google Drive or Dropbox.

To be able to adequately address the need for social distancing, the Preservation Studio will be available for use by appointment only and use is limited to one person at a time. Beginning the week of May 17, 2-hour appointments to use the Preservation Studio can be made for Monday through Thursday via our website or by contacting the Reference Services team at EVPL Central 812.428.8218.

By Kate Linderman, Community Knowledge Librarian of Practice
The READ Sensory Room – found in EVPL Central’s READ Center – is a safe place for children with sensory processing differences or other challenging conditions in need of a calm, sensory-friendly space. As a multi-sensory environment (MSE), it is designed to help children self-regulate through a variety of sensory solutions.

From noise-cancelling headphones and weighted blankets to the fiber optic waterfall and tactile balance beam, the room is flexible to be used for both sensory seeking and sensory avoiding.

For more information, call EVPL’s READ Center information desk at 812.428.8225.
La Hora del Cuento

¡Atrévete a vivir la magia de los cuentos!; bailando, cantando, y jugando.

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Sensory Storytime

A special storytime designed for children with sensory sensitivities.

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Family Storytime

Build early literacy skills with stories and music.

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2nd Saturday Stories

Take flight for a storytime in partnership with Evansville Regional Airport.

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Chapter Book Storytime

Discover new titles each week from our collection.

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SUMMER PROGRAMMING

**Coffee Talk Book Discussion**
Discuss a different book every month over coffee.

**WEDNESDAYS**
Jun. 9 & Jul. 14
12:00 - 1:00 pm
EVPL Red Bank

**Cooking for One**
Learn recipes that you can cook for one!

**MONDAYS**
Jun. 14 & Jul. 12
1:00 pm
Virtual

**Salsa of the Month**
Explore new recipes with Marisela’s new salsa each month.

**WEDNESDAYS**
May 26 & Jun. 30
1:00 pm
Virtual
Jul. 28
1:00 pm
Virtual

**Around the World in Evansville**
Marisela will host a special guest each month as they share what makes their culture unique.

**TUESDAYS**
Jun. 1, Jul. 6, & 27
1:00 pm
Virtual

**Mystery Lovers Book Discussion**
Discuss a different mystery book every month.

**WEDNESDAYS**
May 27, Jun. 26 & Jul. 30
6:30 pm & 4:30 pm
Virtual
EVPL North Park

**True Crime on Tap**
Hang out and get your true crime fix with us monthly at Myriad Brewing Company!

**TUESDAYS**
Jun. 8 & Jul. 13
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Myriad Brewing Company

**LGBTQ+ Book Club**
Hang out as we discuss our LGBTQ+ pick of the month at Haynie’s Corner Brewing Company!

**WEDNESDAYS**
Jun. 23 | 6:30 pm
Haynie’s Corner Brewing Company

**DIYS**
Learn to make fun DIYs with whatever you have at home.

**THURSDAYS**
Jun. 3 & Jul. 1, 15, & 29
1:00 pm
Virtual

**Procrasti-knitters**
Bring your needles or hooks and spend some time knitting with others.

**TUESDAYS**
Jun. 15 & Jul. 20
6:00 - 7:00 pm
EVPL North Park
SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

Animal Tales
Learn about creatures of the universe by meeting animals up close! Space may be limited due to room capacity.

WEDNESDAYS
Jun. 10
2:30 pm
EVPL Central
Jun. 10
6:00 pm
EVPL Oaklyn
Jul. 17
2:30 pm
EVPL McCollough
Jul. 17
6:00 pm
EVPL North Park

SATURDAY
Jul. 17
10:00 am
EVPL Red Bank

Bubblefest
Dress to get messy as we celebrate summer and create bubbles with our annual Bubblefest.

Jun. 5 Jun. 16
10:00 am 11:00 am
EVPL Central EVPL West

Jul. 24
10:00 am
EVPL East

Outdoor Movie
Bring your lawn chairs and snacks, and enjoy a movie outside on the big screen.

TUESDAYS
The Hundred-Foot Journey
Jun. 1
6:00 - 8:00 pm
EVPL Central

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
Jun. 22
6:00 - 8:00 pm
EVPL Oaklyn

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Jul. 20
6:00 - 8:00 pm
EVPL East

Kentucky Shakespeare
Explore the history, culture, geography and oral traditions surrounding fairy tales. Programs can be found on EVPL’s YouTube page @EVPLibrary.

Fairy Tales From Around the World
Jun. 7 - 13
YouTube

Midsummers Night Dream
Jul. 12 - 18
YouTube
**KIBO Robots**

KIBO Robots camp is for 4-7 year olds. Registration required.*

- Jun. 14 - 18
  - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
  - EVPL Central
- Jun. 21 - 25
  - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
  - EVPL McCollough

**Drop in Tech Questions**

Gain an intro to our digital collections and the basics of getting apps on your devices.

- Wednesday, Jun. 2
  - 3:00 - 5:00 pm
  - EVPL Oaklyn
- Saturday, Jun. 12
  - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
  - EVPL West
- Monday, Jun. 28
  - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
  - EVPL Central

**STEAM**

Fun STEAM activities for all kids.

- **WEDNESDAYS**
  - Jun. 9
    - 1:00 pm
    - Virtual
  - Jul. 7
    - 1:00 pm
    - Virtual

**Simple Science**

Science projects that are simple for everyone.

- **WEDNESDAYS**
  - Jun. 23
    - 10:00 am
    - Virtual
  - Jul. 21
    - 10:00 am
    - Virtual

**Book n’ Cook**

Learn about the tradition of food and cooking as well as the local food system and land use.

- **FRIDAYS**
  - Jun. 19 & Jul. 17
    - 11:00 am
    - Virtual

**Food Fridays**

Be inspired as Katie and Caitlyn present recipes to try at home. Special guests and products selected at Market on Main will be featured.

- **FRIDAYS**
  - Jun. 18
    - 10:00 am
    - Virtual
  - Jul. 16 & 30
    - 10:00 am
    - Virtual

**Oaklyn Meadow Tour**

Come learn about native plants and the history of EVPL Oaklyn.

- **TUESDAY**
  - Jun. 29
    - 6:00 pm
    - EVPL Oaklyn

**Summer Concert Series**

Bring your lawn chairs and snacks to enjoy a concert on EVPL Oaklyn’s front lawn.

- **FRIDAYS**
  - Jun. 11 & 25
    - 6:00 pm
    - EVPL Oaklyn
  - Jul. 9 & 23
    - 6:00 pm
    - EVPL Oaklyn

**Concert at First Fridays**

Join us at First Fridays in Haynie’s Corner each month for live concerts.

- **FRIDAYS**
  - Jun. 4 & Jul. 2
    - 5:00 pm
    - Haynie’s Corner
The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is excited to announce our annual Summer Reading Celebration will begin on Saturday, May 22, and continue through Saturday, July 31! This year’s theme, Our Summer: Reading is Delicious, toasts food and the impact it has on our stories.

Participants can register for the Summer Reading Celebration anytime by logging into Beanstack or by downloading the Beanstack app. If you do not have an account already, it is very easy to create one and add reader accounts for everyone in your family! You can also register by visiting any EVPL location or by calling 812.428.8200. Our Summer will be offered for each of the three age groups: Children (0-12), Teens (13-17), and Adults (18+).

Visit evpl.org/OurSummer2021 to learn more about Our Summer: Reading is Delicious!
“Join us in toasting food and its impact on our stories!”
For EVPL’s littlest users, we are excited to share an adventure to help them prepare for school! EVPL is proud to bring 1000 Books Before Kindergarten to our community. Kindergarten can be a difficult transition period as children adjust to the structure of half-day or full-day learning. EVPL offers many programs for children to help develop skills that will assist with school readiness, and we were very excited to announce this early literacy program in January 2019!

It is well known that parents and caregivers are a child’s first teachers. Families can promote their child’s literacy development in many ways, and EVPL wants to help you in your journey with the implementation of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. This program celebrates reading accomplishments before a child enters kindergarten. By reading one book a day, a child will have heard 1,000 stories by the time they reach three-years-old. To sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, families can visit evpl.org or step into any EVPL location. The reading guide can be picked up or printed off so that your reading journey can begin. When your child reaches goals along the way, they will receive a small prize for their accomplishment. On completion of the program, children will receive a prize and their picture on EVPL social media (with guardian permission, of course).

“We want to celebrate your family’s achievement in recognizing the importance of reading at an early age.”

EVPL is excited to help your child develop school readiness and make their first day of kindergarten a success. We are here with you and your child along the way.
**STORYTIME To Go**

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is delighted to share Storytime To Go kits with families in our community! Our kits – each complete with songs and storytime tools – are perfect for storytimes with your child. Reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing are the five early literacy skills needed for children to learn how to read on their own. Using your Storytime To Go kit, have fun with your little one as you sing, dance, and make music while they learn new words and make silly sounds. It’s an excellent way to build the early literacy skills needed for learning to read. Stop into any EVPL location to pick up a kit today!

**BEANBAGS**
Balancing the beanbag on your child’s head while they try to walk or passing the beanbag from hand to hand teaches body awareness and skills that help when learning to write.

**SCARVES**
Playing peekaboo and creating different shapes with the scarf are great opportunities for learning shape and directional words.

**SHAKERS**
Shaking high and low, loud and soft, or quick and slow helps with learning our opposites and our action words.

**BUBBLES**
Chasing after bubbles or teaching your little one to blow bubbles helps build muscles needed for play and for language development. Bubbles can also be used as a centering activity if your child is overstimulated. Listen to some quiet, relaxing music, and focus on play with a five minute bubble break.

*Kits should only be used with adult supervision.*
BABY & ME STORYTIME
Sing songs and read stories while bonding with your baby.

TALES FOR TODDLERS
Build early literacy skills with stories and music.

SENSORY STORYTIME
Enjoy a storytime for those on the spectrum or with sensory sensitivity.
At EVPL, we strive to provide the best early literacy resources. From programs, to books, to helpful tips – we want your little one to have a strong foundation for their literacy future. Early literacy is so important for pre-readers! Learning new words, sounds, and numbers are all important skills we practice in every storytime through reading, talking, singing, playing, and writing with our little one. These important skills are essential when learning how to read and developing a solid understanding of the world around them.

In addition to building a foundation for their literacy future, studies have shown that children who are exposed to early learning experiences do better in school, start reading earlier, and show more comprehension in what they have read. 90% of brain growth happens before age 5.

“EVPL strives to ensure that all children and their caregivers have the tools to build a love of reading and learning.”

Your little one is learning and growing so much in these early years and by incorporating early literacy into their day, they will be more likely to develop the cognitive and pre-reading skills needed to excel in school and in life. EVPL strives to ensure that all children and their caregivers have the tools to build a love of reading and learning.

Explore EVPL’s Early Literacy YouTube playlists by visiting us on YouTube @EVPLibrary.

**EARLY Literacy**

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Get ready for school by learning through play and exploration.

**LA HORA DEL CUENTO**
¡Atrévete a vivir la magia de los cuentos!; bailando, cantando, y jugando.

**2ND SATURDAY STORIES**
Stories, songs, and rhymes followed by a craft or activity in partnership with Evansville Regional Airport.
Every Child Ready to Read is a parent education initiative from the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children. In an effort to further develop early literacy skills, PLA and ALSC concluded that public libraries could have a greater impact by educating parents and caregivers. By giving parents and caregivers lessons about the importance of early literacy and how to develop pre-reading skills at home, the efforts of public libraries is multiplied.

By Erika Qualls Barnett, Programs & Outreach Manager
TALK

Babies learn language from the very beginning. Even as infants, they are listening, and their brain is learning language. Talk to your child throughout the day by describing actions, items in the home, and telling stories. As they grow older, they start to respond with their own sounds. Listening and responding back encourages talking and language development. When your child grows even older, talk, listen, and answer all of their questions. The more words they learn, the larger their vocabulary becomes, and it will make reading easier and help them give meaning to what they are reading!

Tips for Incorporating Talking into Daily Life

Talk about what you are doing or what you see all through the day. While getting the baby ready for the day, talk about the steps you are taking. Describe what you see while in the grocery store or library. The more words your baby hears, the better!

Books to Encourage Talking

Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle

WRITE

Children become aware that printed letters stand for spoken words when they discover and learn about writing. Reading and writing really go together, but we will cover reading on the next page. The best way for children to learn and experience writing is by scribbling. When your child is still a baby, you can get them ready for scribbling by developing their fine motor skills. This can be done using songs with hand motions like Itsy Bitsy Spider and giving them manipulatives (i.e. scarves, rattles) to shake while singing. Allow your child to use the hand they are most comfortable with when they start picking up objects. Scribbles will evolve into letters, words, and more! Children learn that their scribbles have meaning.

Tips for Incorporating Writing into Daily Life

Provide crayons to your child or different age-appropriate objects like puzzle pieces when they are ready are great for developing fine motor skills. Just be sure to protect your walls from crayon scribbles!

Books to Encourage Writing

Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z by Lois Ehlert
ABCs of Kindness by Samantha Berger
READ

This is the most crucial practice you can do to help a child’s early literacy development! The best way to prepare a child for reading is to start reading to them at birth! We encourage you to keep all reading interactions a positive experience. EVPL’s Board Book Collection is a great starting point for reading with a baby because these books are specifically designed for our littlest readers. As a child grows older and starts moving on their own, it is ok if they are moving around as you read to them. Reading with a child will help them learn about story structure, print awareness, letter knowledge, and phonological awareness. Read every day!

SING

Don’t worry if you can’t carry a tune! It took me a while to feel comfortable singing in Storytime, but incorporating singing into baby’s daily life is important for their early literacy development. And they don’t know if you are singing well! The development of phonological awareness, or the ability to hear and manipulate the smaller words in sounds, will help a child become ready to read. Using books that feature songs and rhymes will help you feel more comfortable singing, but will also help a child’s print awareness, letter knowledge, and vocabulary. Sing the same songs over and over again. Repetition is important for strengthening a baby’s memory and attention skills.

Tips for Incorporating Singing into Daily Life
Sing about everyday activities to the tune of a favorite nursery rhyme. For example, “This is the way we put on our shoes, put on our shoes, put on our shoes. This is the way we put on our shoes early in the morning.”

Books to Encourage Singing
The Wheels on the Bus by Kim Mitzo Thompson.
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Jane Cabrera.

Tips for Incorporating Reading into Daily Life
Ask the child questions before, during, and after reading a book. Ask them what they think the book is about, what they think will happen next, and more. Read on your own, and make sure the child catches you reading. If you practice reading every day, they will imitate you as they grow older.

Books to Encourage Reading
I Love all of Me by Lorie Ann Grover
The Thankful Book by Todd Parr
PLAY

Children learn so much when they are playing, and they don't even realize it! When kids play, they are learning how the world works. They can use the space and materials around them to create a story by using their imagination. A simple block can represent anything in the world they are creating. It can be a phone, a car, or even a book. Play can help children express themselves and put their thoughts and feelings into words. While there are so many awesome toys that can be purchased to help a child play, materials from around the house will help them build their background knowledge, learn story structure, and expand their vocabulary.

Tips for Incorporating Playing into Daily Life
Have plenty of play time! Allow children to have unstructured time to use their imaginations to create stories about what they’re doing. Plus, playing outside is great for movement and exercise!

Books to Encourage Playing
Stomp by Uncle Ian Aurora
Blocks by Dr. John Hutton
Wanting to travel the world but don’t know where to start? A passport is a necessity for most world travel, but ensuring you have everything in order to obtain a passport can be stressful. Photograph specifications, proof of citizenship, pages of required information, and more can be intimidating and cumbersome.

From applying for your first passport to updating your current one, EVPL is here to assist you with registering for your passport and taking your first steps towards worldly exploration. EVPL Central is home to the library’s Passport Office. Our knowledgeable staff can help you with every step in the process from completing the necessary forms to taking your picture. By scheduling an appointment at our Passport Office, you are ensuring your piece of mind as our expert team member works with you to identify your passport needs.

For more information or to schedule an appointment today, visit evpl.org/passport, or give us a call at 812.428.8396.
PASSPORT TYPES AND FEES

Passport fees are set by the U.S. Department of State and are the same at all passport application acceptance facilities.

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MAKE at home

World Lava Lamp

Inspired by Little Bins for Little Hands

Celebrate our world by creating your very own Earth-inspired lava lamp! A quick and easy experiment with items you likely already have around the house, this activity is not only fun but is also a great way to work on developing fine motor and measurement skills.

Supplies

- Cooking oil or baby oil
- Water
- Green and blue food coloring
- Glass jar (1 or 2)
- Alka Seltzer tablets

Questions to Explore

How would the end result have been different if we used more or less oil or water?
What happened when you added the food coloring to the jar?
Why don't the water and oil mix?
What causes the bubbles?

What just happened?

Look at those bubbles! When the Alka Seltzer tablet is dropped into the jar, the tablet and water cause a chemical reaction that releases carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide causes all of the bubbles. The bubbles push the food coloring and water to the top of the jar. The bubbles burst, and the water goes to the bottom of the jar. The process keeps going over and over. Once the bubbles stop, you can add another tablet to the jar to start the reaction again.

1. Make sure to gather all of the items.
2. Add oil to your jar until it is 2/3 full.
3. Add water to your jar until it is full.
4. Add several drops of food coloring into your jar.
5. Drop the Alka Seltzer tablet into the jar.
SUMMER at the library

ACROSS
1. Another item you can borrow from the library
7. Number of EVPL locations
9. The library has many programs like this
11. The surname for Little Women
16. This book is about a very hungry insect
17. Which EVPL location has a meadow
18. Appears in the sky after a rain
19. A Tale of Peter ________
20. The month in which we celebrate mothers

DOWN
2. A yellow flower that hints summer is coming
3. A red, juicy, sweet fruit
4. The writer of a book
5. Flowers do this
6. A book based on imaginary things
8. Comics or graphic novels from Japan
10. The E in STEAM
12. A rabbit eats these
13. Rain ________ brings beautiful flowers
14. Where books live, a place to explore your curiosity
15. To make by joining together loops of yarn by hand with long needles