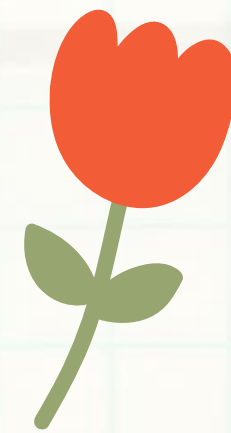




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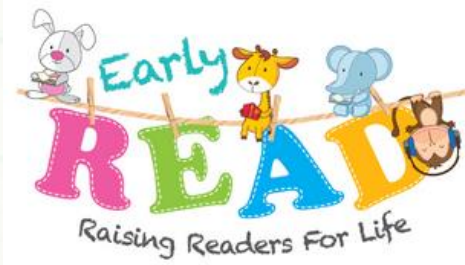


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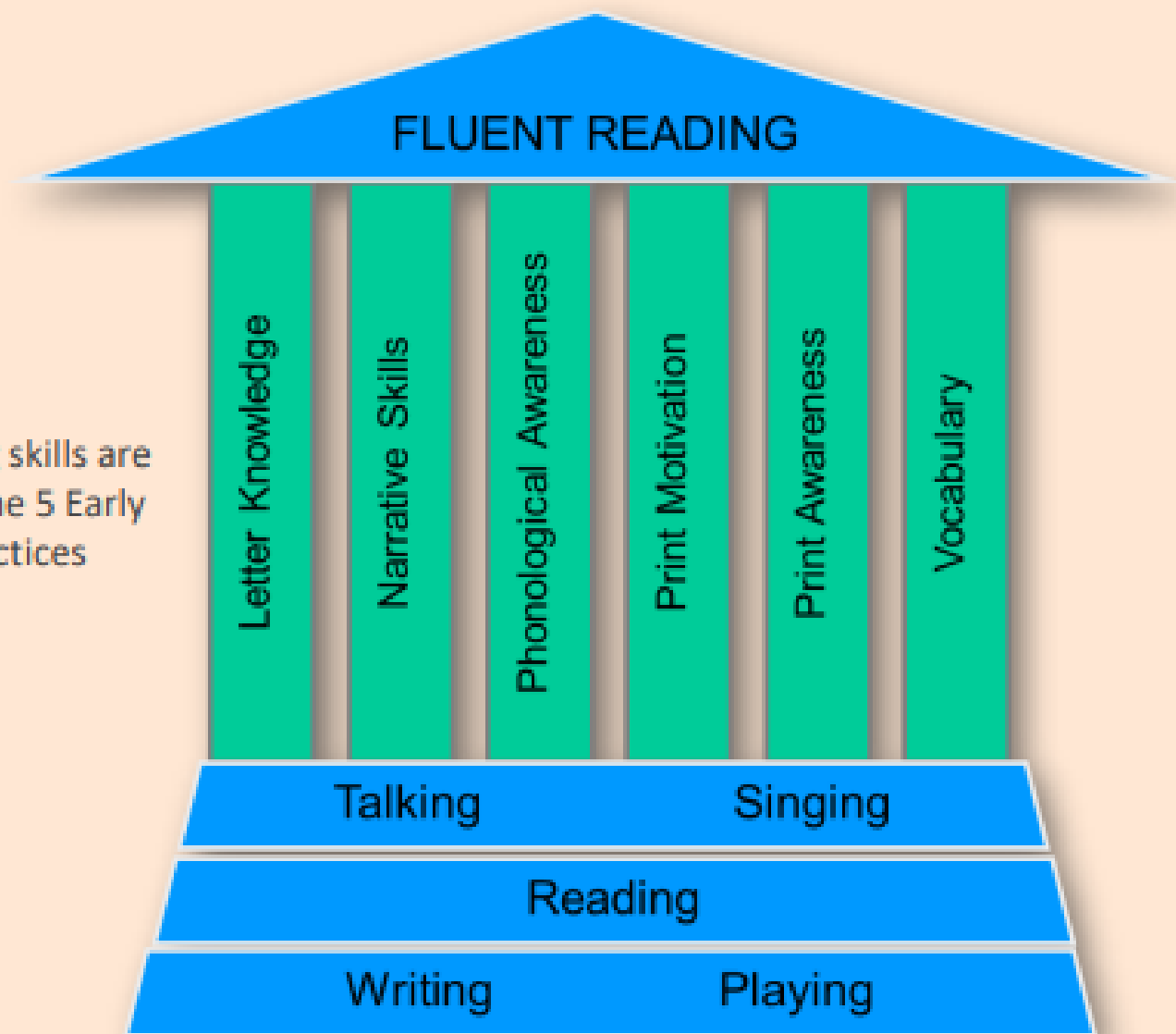
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EARLY READ MISSION

The Early READ team aims to work together with Parents, Educators, and Caregivers to build good pre-reading skills through the five Early Literacy Practices.



The pre-reading skills are supported by the 5 Early Literacy Practices



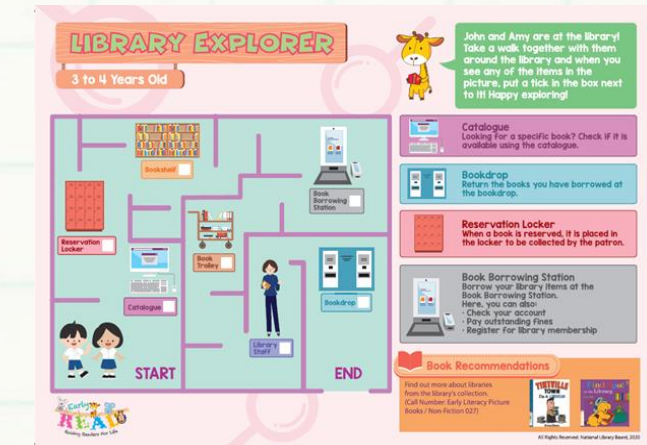
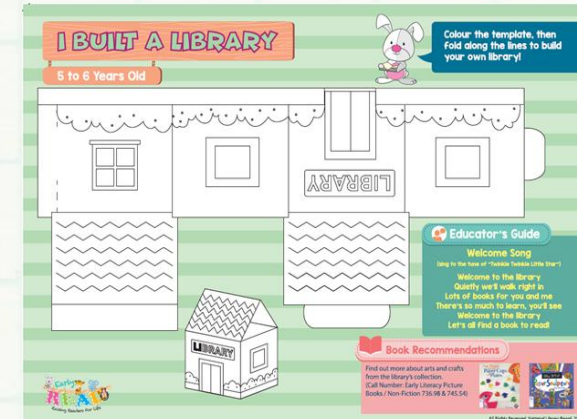
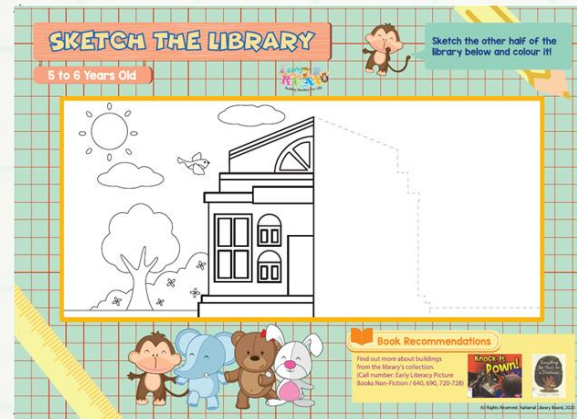
*Every Child Ready to Read (Public Library Association and Association for Library Service to Children)

OBJECTIVES

- Identify ways preschoolers and their families can experience the library; for example, through participating in our programmes and storytelling sessions.
- Recognise the importance of caring for our Public Libraries and library materials.



INTRODUCTION



- NLB would like to invite preschools to join our community efforts in caring for our Public Libraries. In order to participate, preschools will need to email NLB a proposal for their exhibition based on the theme "Caring for our Public Libraries". Successful preschools will be contacted and resources will be provided. **Refer to Annex A - PRESCHOOL'S PROPOSAL for the proposal template at <https://go.gov.sg/nlb-ssdb-2022>.**
- NLB will be providing the following to preschools who have been selected to participate:
 - ✓ Library Adventure Activity Sheets for the pre-visit to the library
 - ✓ A set of library etiquette posters along with the library etiquette song and a set of videos introducing our public libraries
 - ✓ A visit to the library which will include completing the “Librarian's Challenge”
 - ✓ Providing guidelines for curating an exhibition in the libraries.

WHAT WILL PRESCHOOLERS LEARN FROM THIS?

- Preschoolers can learn how to care for our Public Libraries, library materials and facilities.
- Preschoolers will learn about the services available at the Public Libraries.





WHAT DOES THIS SSDB PROJECT ENTAIL?

1. Pre-Visit Activities
2. Activities at the Public Libraries
3. Post-Visit Activities



1. PRE-VISIT ACTIVITIES

- Teachers and parents can use our Library Adventure activity sheets to familiarize children with the library in school or at home.
- Preschoolers will be introduced to library etiquette, which can be found in the next 2 slides.
- Teachers are to play the videos that will introduce our public libraries to the children before their library visits.



LIBRARY ETIQUETTE

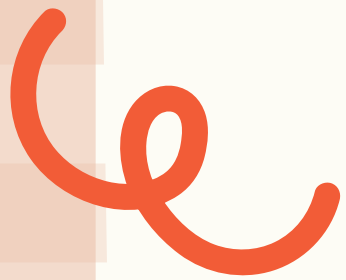
- Do speak softly, lower your voices and walk slowly in the library.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the library. Only plain water is allowed.
- Place books back on the shelf after browsing.
- Let the next person borrowing the book enjoy it as much as you did! This means no doodling or folding the corners of the pages.
- Do not fold the corners of the book or drag the books on their spines.

Teachers may introduce the Library's Etiquette Song to the preschoolers.

LIBRARY ETIQUETTE SONG

(To the tune of "Are you sleeping?")

Do speak softly, Do walk gently
In the library, in the library
Leave your food and drinks outside
Keep the library neat and bright
Love our books, precious books





2. ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

- Teachers can bring their students on a free and easy visit to any of the public libraries (bearing in mind current safe distancing measures, if there are any).
- Alternatively, preschoolers can also visit any of the public libraries with their family members.
- To complete the "**Librarian's Challenge**"* and take pictures of the challenge during the visit.

*The Librarian's Challenge is a scavenger hunt that will help preschoolers to identify things that can be found in the library.



3. POST-VISIT ACTIVITIES

- Teachers/parents can help the preschoolers design their own library or reflect on what they have learnt from their visit as well as how to care for our Public Libraries.
- Teachers can display their preschoolers' designs as well as posters of how children can care for their Public Libraries.
- Preschools will get the opportunity to curate an exhibition at their nearest available public library following the theme.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Interested preschools can submit a preliminary proposal of their exhibition at <https://go.gov.sg/nlb-ssdb-2022> by **22 April 2022**.
- Teachers to curate an exhibition based on the drawings/crafts/photo essays done by the students and put them up at the selected libraries.
- Exhibition to be ready by **31 August 2022** and up for display from 1 to 30 September 2022.
- Preschool to tear down the exhibition between 1 to 7 October 2022.

EXHIBITION

Example of an Exhibition (using recycled materials)



EXHIBITION

COLLABORATIONS WITH PRESCHOOLS



EXHIBITION



The vase signifies the flag of India- green, orange and white. The motifs represent mango leaves that are often used in the Indian culture to signify goddess Lakshmi and known to keep out negative energy.



These vases are inspired by the Chinese porcelain, which are diverse and represent many different meanings. Common motifs on porcelain vases used in daily life. The colours used include yellow, red and green which symbolizes luck in the Chinese culture.



Green signifies the traditional colour of Islam, a faith that has been integral part of Malay culture. The flowers clearly define the integrity of the Malay culture and at the same time protects the natural heritage and its knowledge.





OTHER INFORMATION



DIY LIBRARY ADVENTURE

This is a self guided library visit programme supplemented by resources provided by the library, consisting of activity sheets and recommended booklists. Drop us an email at earlyread@nlb.gov.sg if you are interested to have these resources..

DIY READ @ COMMUNITY

This is an initiative to engage community organisations in promoting the love of reading by extending its service beyond its libraries by allowing organisations to borrow up to 300 books for a loan period of 21 days with provision for 3 free renewals that can be done online via NLB website using their myLibrary username. Members are free to select the type of books suitable for their organisation. Members are required to borrow the books and arrange transport for the delivery and return of the borrowed items. The whole idea is to get everyone reading, wherever they are!

OTHER INFORMATION

A BOOK A DAY READING PROGRAMME



Read a book a day with your child and stand to win a collection of children's books in a lucky draw! Terms and conditions apply. For participants aged 0 – 6 years old upon registration only.

<https://go.gov.sg/abookaday>

READ WITH ME: A BOOK A DAY READING CAMPAIGN



From April to June 2022, upload as many Instagram posts of fun storytelling sessions that you have with your child using the hashtag #nlbabookaday and stand to win attractive prizes.

<https://go.gov.sg/abad-readwithme>

ENQUIRIES

GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

EMAIL US AT: earlyread@nlb.gov.sg

