



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Get Ready for Kindergarten at Wake County Libraries**

Children can get ready for kindergarten in the new year at Wake County Public Libraries. In partnership with Marbles Children’s Museum, Wake County offers **Ready, Set, School**—a series of community playdates for children ages three to five years old.

Through play-based activities in English and Spanish, pre-kindergarteners will gain fine motor, spatial perception and social skills, while building confidence and independence.

“Starting kindergarten is an exciting milestone for children and their parents, and we want to help make sure every child is set up to succeed,” said Ann Burlingame, deputy library director. “Our library programs are fun and interactive, but most importantly, they will help families be ready for the transition to kindergarten.”

Ready, Set, School playdates will be held on Saturdays beginning in January and running through May 20.

**Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 1, April 1, May 6:**

[Green Road Community Library](#), 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

[Wendell Community Library](#), 3 – 5 p.m.

**Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13:**

[Richard B. Harrison Community Library](#), 11:30 a.m. – 1 :30 p.m.

[Zebulon Community Library](#), 3 – 5 p.m.

**Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 22, May 20:**

[East Regional Library](#), 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

[Southgate Community Library](#), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, April 29:**

[Southeast Regional Library](#), 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

[Athens Drive Community Library](#), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wake County Public Libraries is also offering a weekly school readiness program for pre-school aged children called **ABC Craft and Learn**. Children and their caregivers will work on a craft that helps them practice the alphabet and learn other skills for the classroom. Caregivers will learn ways to continue to develop those skills at home.

ABC Craft and Learn sessions will be held **Saturdays in January at:**

[East Regional Library](#), 11:30 a.m.

[Green Road Community Library](#), 11:30 a.m.

[Southeast Regional Library](#), 11:30 a.m.

[Wendell Community Library](#), 10:30 a.m.

[Zebulon Community Library](#), 10:30 a.m.

The programs are free and no registration is required. Learn more at [www.wakegov.com/libraries](http://www.wakegov.com/libraries).

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