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Libraries Launch New Program to Prepare Kids for Kindergarten

A new program offered by Wake County Public Libraries proves that anytime is a good time to reinforce literary skills for young children. Play Your Way to K, a new kindergarten readiness learning game, kicks off on June 1.

“Whether in the car, at the grocery store or waiting in the doctor’s office, this learning game helps children and their caregivers reinforce key literacy skills learned during library storytime,” said Ann Burlingame, deputy director of Wake County Public Libraries. “This interactive game encourages children and their caregivers to talk, sing, play, read and write their way to a successful start to kindergarten.”

Play Your Way to K continues the excitement of storytime at home and promotes early literacy skills. The portable, hand-held game board is designed for little hands and is appealing to even the youngest player.



How does it work?

- WCPL will provide a list of creative ways to Play, Read, Sing, Talk and Write with your child.
- Every time you complete one of the activities, check the corresponding star on the game board.
- When you reach the halfway mark (indicated by the big star), visit the library and share your journey with the librarian. You'll receive a special prize!
- Keep playing, and when you complete your board, tell your librarian and we'll celebrate your success.

Literacy tips are included to guide caregivers as they prepare their children for kindergarten. And the great news is that you can play this game as many times as you like—because the tips are designed to be modified as young children learn and grow.

To get started, stop by [any library](#) to pick up a free game board, and Play Your Way to K!

About Wake County Public Libraries

The mission of [Wake County Public Libraries](#) is to promote the love of reading and foster the pursuit of knowledge for the residents of Wake County. In fiscal year 2018, our 22 libraries were visited more than 3.43 million times, and 235,251 people were active library cardholders

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