



COLORADO'S ANNUAL

LITERACY WEEK

Literacy Week is an annual week-long tour across Colorado lead by Lt. Governor Donna Lynne, visiting small and large communities alike, to build excitement about reading and to spread the message that literacy efforts are crucial in the classroom and at home.

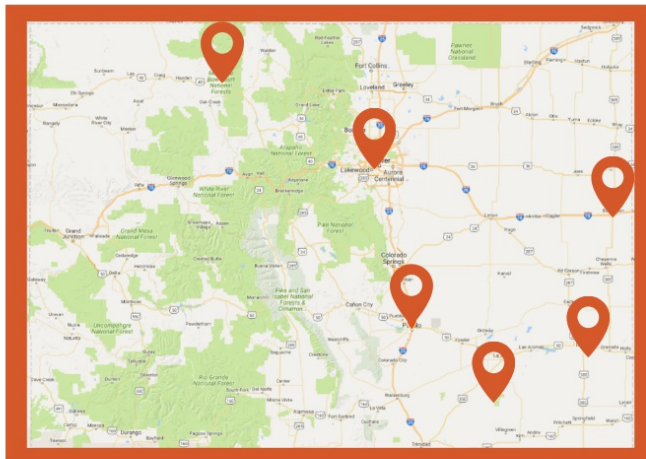
Literacy Week is a collaborative effort of Serve Colorado, Colorado State Library, Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Human Services, Colorado Department of Agriculture, One Book 4 Colorado, and a variety of corporate and community partners.



"Literacy week allows the State of Colorado's early childhood and literacy agencies to collaborate, and travel the state having meaningful conversations, celebrating successes, and sharing best practice innovations in early childhood literacy."

-Jennifer Jones

Executive Director of Serve Colorado



WHAT HAPPENS ON THE TOUR?

The Lt. Governor visits schools, libraries, AmeriCorps programs, and community centers across the State to learn about best practices in the world of literacy and areas in need of improvement.

The tour highlights communities doing amazing work to instill a love of reading in kids and empower parents to keep the mission going at home.

WHO PARTICIPATES?

Beth Crist
Youth & Family
Services Consultant
Colorado State Library
Crist_B@cde.state.co.us

Kristina Mueller
Director
Early Childhood
Leadership Commission
Kristina.Mueller@state.co.us

Alisa Dorman
Executive Director
Office of Literacy
Colorado Dept. of Education
Dorman_A@cde.state.co.us

Jennifer Jones
Executive Director
Serve Colorado
Jennifer.Jones@state.co.us



KICK START LEARNING WITH

LITERACY



Whether we're experts, early childhood teachers, first-time parents, or involved friends and neighbors, we all play a role in giving kids a strong, healthy start.

EARLY LITERACY

RESOURCES



Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines.

The guidelines provide practical tips and points of reference that anyone can use to help children grow. Parents, caregivers and early childhood professionals can find the guidelines at:

www.earlylearningco.org

<http://aprendizajetemprano.org>



One in four children in Colorado enter kindergarten unprepared to keep pace with their peers

DID YOU KNOW?

The state's libraries circulate over 123 million items each year, including books but also:

- Audiobooks, ebooks, magazines, DVDs, CDs, museum passes, cake pans, telescopes, seed packets, iPads, laptops, bicycles, fishing equipment, state park passes in nature backpacks, and much more—all for free with a library card. Drop by your local library to see what they offer!



Quality Child Care and Preschool

Supporting a child's development can also mean finding quality early learning programs, like child care and preschool.

Colorado Shines provides tools for families to search for quality child care in their community. Parents can visit:

www.ColoradoShines.com

to access the on-line search.

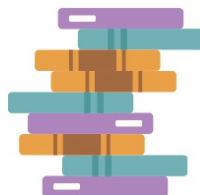


Since 2013, has seen \$114 million provided for early literacy intervention services for students at-risk for reading difficulties.

- The READ Act has reduced the number of students identified at-risk for reading by 2.7%.
- Schools who received Early Literacy Grants reduced the number of students at-risk for reading by 6.6% since 2013.
- Students at-risk in first grade in 2013 who remained in the same district for 3 years reduced their risk for reading difficulty by 54%.
- Approximately \$4 million is available for the Early Literacy Grant Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Local Libraries

Public libraries are the only places in many communities that offer free educational programs to children birth through three. Libraries offer storytimes full of fun books, songs, rhymes, puppetry, and more, along with critical information for parents about children's brain and language development and simple activities to continue at home that will get their children ready to read when they reach kindergarten.



READ • PLAY • SING