



Newmarket Public Library, 1 Elm Street, Newmarket, NH

MGOL Workshop Sessions with Trainer, Betsy Diamant-Cohen

Week 1: February 15, 2022 10:00 - 1:00pm

Participants are expected to join in the activities and are requested to bring a colored scarf (or piece of fabric or dish towel), a small percussion instrument (shaker or bell).

Using Brain Research, Flannel Boards, & Storytime Props to Help Children Build Early Literacy Skills

The first half of this fast-paced, 3-hour, hands-on workshop introduces brain development and its relationship with early literacy in the earliest years. Practical examples show how to implement this knowledge into activities that build children's early literacy skills and enhance parenting. An examination of flannel boards in library programming demonstrates how felt pieces can be used as visual representations for songs and rhymes, telling stories, playing games, and sharing tips with parents during in-person and virtual storytimes.

The importance of learning through play and hands-on experiences is the basis of the second half of the workshop. A quick tutorial about developmental tips shows how they can be easily created following a 1,2,3 formula and then used in programs. Summaries of studies showing the benefits of using colored scarves and musical instruments with young children are paired with activities that can be easily adapted for in-person or virtual storytimes.

Week 2: February 22, 2022 10:00 - 1:00pm

Participants are expected to bring a stuffed animal or doll to the webinar.

Programming for parents with infants and babies (10:00 - 11:00)

Knowing what early parenthood entails helps librarians create optimal learning environments that are just as nurturing for parents as for their infants. Learn how these important programs can be translated into virtual programs, identify popular elements to include on a regular basis, explore recommended activities and developmental tips.

Using the Mother Goose on the Loose Method to Create High Quality Early Literacy Programs (11:00 – 12:00)

Combine everything you have learned so far about the elements present in successful early learning programs. Learn about the Mother Goose on the Loose method for making connections and creating an optimal learning environment. Examine the 10-section structure of a MGOL program and learn how to use MGOL tools to easily plan programs using the 80/20 "secret formula" while seamlessly integrating the five practices of Every Child Ready to Read.

Adapting Mother Goose on the Loose Methods for Use in Virtual Programs (12:00 – 1:00)

Examine segments of virtual MGOL programs being presented from home or from the library.

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