

# EARLY LITERACY CALENDAR

OCTOBER  
2024

## SUNDAY



St. Louis  
County  
Library

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

### 1 SING

Visit the library to sing songs at Lap Time.

### 2 WRITE

Create a collage by peeling stickers off a sheet and placing them on a piece of paper.

### 3 PLAY

Blow bubbles today! This strengthens the muscles used when speaking.

### 4 READ

Read a Missouri Building Block Picture Book nominee and vote for your favorite at [slcl.beanstack.org](http://slcl.beanstack.org).

### 5 TALK

Say a favorite rhyme, pausing before saying the last word. Encourage your child to finish the rhyme or repeat it after you.

### 6 SING

Have a family sing-along where each person picks a favorite song.

### 7 WRITE

Draw or scribble a picture with red, orange and yellow crayons.

### 8 PLAY

Tape a sheet of contact paper to the wall, sticky side out. Predict what items will stick and test your hypothesis.

### 9 READ

Read a book about a fire truck for fire safety month.

### 10 TALK

Talk about fire safety. Stop, drop and roll.

### 11 SING



Sing "Hurry, Hurry, Drive the Fire Truck" with Lah-Lah.

### 12 WRITE

Draw a map of your home. Mark the exits from each room and where your family should meet in an emergency.

### 13 PLAY

Pretend you are a firefighter or go on a visit to a fire house.

### 14 READ

Celebrate National Pizza Month by following a recipe to make pizza.

### 15 TALK

Describe your food while you are eating. Talk about its color, shape, texture, smell and taste.

### 16 SING

Practice singing the ABCs quickly, slowly, softly and loudly.

### 17 WRITE

Gather colorful leaves on a walk and take them home to make leaf art.

### 18 PLAY

Create patterns using everyday objects like colored blocks, crayons or coins.

### 19 READ

Read signs when visiting the library and talk about what they mean.

### 20 TALK

Measure a pumpkin and other fruits with a measuring tape or kitchen scale. Talk about how they are alike and different.

### 21 SING

Sing a counting song like "Five Little Pumpkins."

### 22 WRITE

Carve a pumpkin and get messy with the insides!

### 23 PLAY

Make homemade playdough and color it with orange food coloring.

### 24 READ

Make labels for common things in your home and read them throughout the day.

### 25 TALK

Talk about foods that are orange. Which ones do you like to eat?

### 26 SING

Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" during bathtime.

### 27 WRITE

Draw spiderwebs on the ground with sidewalk chalk. Connect spiders to the webs with long, loopy lines.

### 28 READ

Read a spooky or silly story.

### 29 PLAY

Pretend to be a spider! String yarn between a few chairs to make a web and crawl through it.

### 30 READ

Happy birthday, Bruce Hale! Read one of his books featuring Clark the Shark.

### 31 TALK

Tell your child a story about something you did when you were their age.

# FIVE BEST PRACTICES TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY TO READ:



## READ

Reading together helps your child develop a love of reading and become a strong reader.



## TALK

Talking with your child helps them learn new words and understand how language works.



## SING

Singing helps your child hear the sounds in words and builds their vocabulary.



## WRITE

Writing helps your child learn that letters and words represent sounds and have meaning.



## PLAY

Active, hands-on play helps your child express themselves and understand their world.

# Picture Book BINGO Challenge 2024

Register online at [slcl.beanstack.org](http://slcl.beanstack.org) and complete 3 early literacy activities to be automatically entered into an electronic raffle for this month's featured picture book.

**Ages 0-5.**

### READ

Use blocks, buttons or other items around the house to count the number of cats on a page while reading the story.

### TALK

"Gato Guapo" contains words in both English and Spanish. Talk about the languages spoken by your family, friends and neighbors in your community.

### WRITE

Cut and glue yarn, string or ribbon to a sheet of paper. Be careful not to get tangled like the kittens!

### PLAY

Play a game of hide and seek like the nueve gatitos.

### READ



"Gato Guapo" by Anika Aldamuy Denise.

### SING



Sing along to the classic lullaby "Los Pollitos Dicen" in Spanish and English.

### TALK

Look at the portraits on the endpapers, the pages attached to the cover of the book. Make up your own story about one of the characters in the pictures.

### WRITE

When he can't find the kittens, Gato Guapo says, "Oh no!" Make an "Oh no!" collage by writing the words with crayons, markers, colored pencils or other art supplies.

### PLAY

Pretend to be Gato Guapo and dress up in your most fabulous outfit!

