

Why should we participate in the Rubber Duck Reading Club?

Babies are born ready to learn. Although your baby may be years away from becoming a reader, from birth he or she starts to develop the skills necessary for reading and writing.

Can we participate in the Rubber Duck Reading Club and the regular Summer Reading Program?

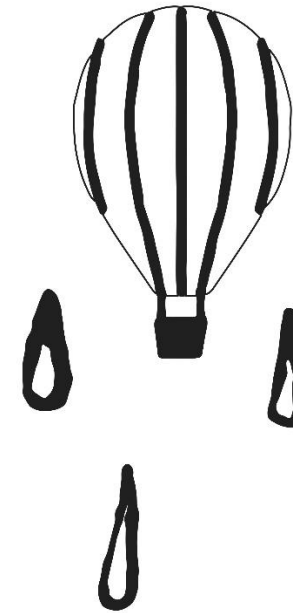
Yes, absolutely!

What is Early Literacy and why is it important?

Early Literacy is a baby who chews on a book and a toddler who wants the same story over and over. It is holding your child while you look at a book and talk to him or her about the pictures. It is singing silly songs, saying nursery rhymes, playing peek-a-boo or other games, telling stories, and letting your child 'write' with their crayons. Research consistently demonstrates that the more children know about language and literacy before they begin formal schooling, the better equipped they are to succeed in reading.

The Six Early Literacy Skills

1. **Print Motivation** – A child's interest in and enjoyment of books and reading.
2. **Phonological Awareness** – The ability to hear and play with small sounds in words.
3. **Vocabulary** – Knowing the names of things, feelings, concepts, and ideas.
4. **Narrative Skills** – Expressive language, describing things and events, and telling/re-telling stories.
5. **Print Awareness** – Print has meaning, handling a book, following text.
6. **Letter Knowledge** – Letters are different from each other, have names, and related sounds.



Rubber Duck Reading Club North Valley Public Library

May 30-August 8, 2025

Ages 0-4



Directions: Record the **Early Literacy Skills** you have practiced with your baby by coloring in a duck. When you have marked off all the ducks, bring this log with you to the library for a rubber ducky and a special prize!

Each child can complete one log.

***Prize Store Hours:**

Mondays and Fridays 10:30 am–3:00 pm

Wednesdays: 4:30-7pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 am–7:00 pm

