Welcome to Concord Free Public Library's Early Literacy Summer Program | June 1st - August 12th, 2017



## **Rubber Ducky Readers**

### A summer program for pre-readers



#### **How does Rubber Ducky Readers work?**

- 1. Each month (June, July, August) visit either library branch to pick up the monthly activity log.
- 2. As you complete each activity with your child, color or mark the corresponding duck.
- 3. Once you complete all 10 activities, bring the log back to the library to receive a brand new book for your child!

#### When does Rubber Ducky Readers begin and end?

Activity logs will be available at Concord Free Public Library and Fowler Branch Library June 1st though August 12th.

Please visit the library with your completed log anytime before September 9th to collect your prizes.

#### Looking for inspiration?

Library staff is happy to help with book and activity suggestions for you and your child.

For more fun and skill building, join us this summer for one of our Storytimes. Visit www.concordlibrary.org/kids or contact us to get the schedule or learn more.

#### What is Early Literacy?

Early literacy begins at birth. It is the development of skills that a child needs to eventually learn to read and write. The five practices of Early Literacy are:

**Talking** - Your child begins to learn language by hearing you speak. Don't hesitate to use words they don't know! it's how their vocabulary will expand.

**Singing** - Singing slows down language and helps your child to hear the smaller sounds in words.

**Reading** - Reading with your child is the most important way to help them get ready to read. Children who enjoy being read to are more likely to want to learn to read.

**Writing** - As children scribble and draw, they are developing the fine motor control needed to write letters and words.

**Playing** - Pretend play enables children to think symbolically, develop problem-solving skills, and build narrative skills.

#### **Concord Free Public Library**

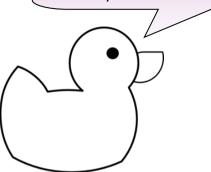
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**Fowler Branch Library** 

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Put together a puzzle with your child.



# Rubber Ducky Readers **August Activities**

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- 1. Color in each duck after you complete the activity.
- 2. Complete all 10 activities and bring this log to either library branch to collect your prize!

Dance to music and pause it at random times. Freeze when the music stops.



Read your child's favorite book together.

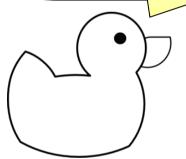
Sing a familiar song and make up

new verses.

Learn a new bounce rhyme to do with your child.



While playing, work together to sort toys by size.





"Read" a wordless picture book together, making up your own words to go with the pictures.

Help your child form letters out of play dough.

Have a puppet show! Old socks can used for puppets.

Go to the library and choose a nonfiction book to read together.



