Literacy Facts

- 1 in 4 children in the US grow up without learning to read
- 32 million American adults are illiterate
- Reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in school.
- If a child is read one book a day, he or she will have read 1,825 books by his or her fifth birthday!
- Children who attend early learning and literacy programs are 29% more likely to graduate from high school.

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Help Us Grow Readers in Columbia County!

OUR GOAL

Do you know that the greatest amount of brain growth occurs between birth and age five? In fact, by age three, roughly 85% of the brain's core structure is formed! A baby is NEVER too young to be read to. Our goal is to SIGNIFICANTLY increase the number of infants and children being read to by working with parents, caregivers, organizations and schools in Columbia County, NY.

ACTIVITIES

- Early Literacy training and workshops.
- County-wide preschool read-a-thon.
- Work with families at home and elsewhere to help them help their children to love to learn and love to read.
- Collaborate with local agencies, schools, preschools and daycares to increase early literacy awareness and access to resources.
- Summer programs, including Jump Into Reading!
- Facebook page with resources and inspiration @earlychildhoodliteracy

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ABOUT ELLN

The Early Literacy and Learning Network of Columbia County is a collaborative project between Columbia Opportunities and the Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood with funding from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. We support families with young children as well as community organizations that work with families and children.

Our goal is to increase literacy skills in young children, starting at birth, so they're ready to learn in Kindergarten. We believe that parents and families are a child's first and most important teachers and that together we can create a generation of readers and lifelong learners.

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