



Early Learning Initiatives



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Goals of Initiative:



To provide the community with an early learning space and resources for ages 0-5 and their caregivers and promote play as learning.



How? By Engaging Families...

At Home

- Storytime To Go Kits
- Launchpads



At the Library

- Early Learning Hub
- Family Engagement Programs
- Parenting Workshops

In the Community

- Magical Bridge Playground
- Partnerships

Learning at Home



Storytime To Go Kits

Storytime at home

STEM
Families
Sensory
Colors
Opposites
Dinosaurs
Around the World
Pets
Marsupials
Bilingual Kits



Launchpads

For ages 3 and up



Learning at the Library:

- Weekly Storytimes
- Special Storytimes
- Play-based programs
 - Sensory Play
 - Early Learning Playtime
- Baby Sign Language
- Parenting Workshops
- Summer
 - Little Messy Art
 - Toddler Time
 - Preschool Little Learners
 - Special Family Programs



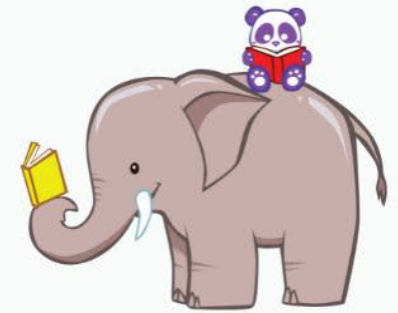


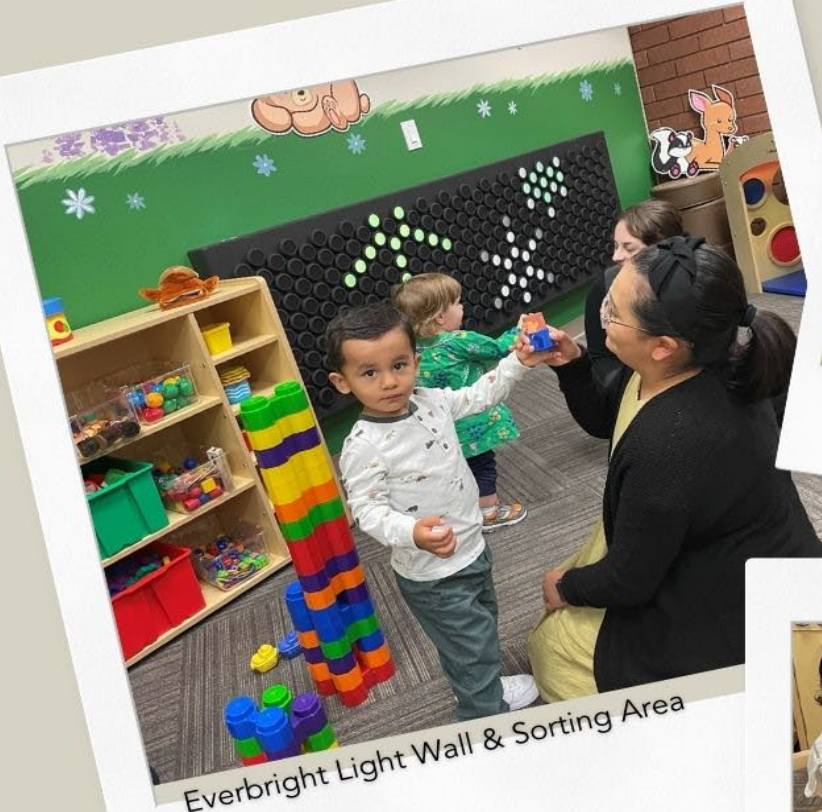
Early Learning Hub



Benefits of the Early Learning Hub

- Provides a strong foundation for future educational success by:
 - Encouraging play-based learning
 - Fostering a love for reading
 - Promoting early math skills
 - Developing fine and gross motor skills
 - Making learning fun and engaging





Everbright Light Wall & Sorting Area



Dramatic Play Area



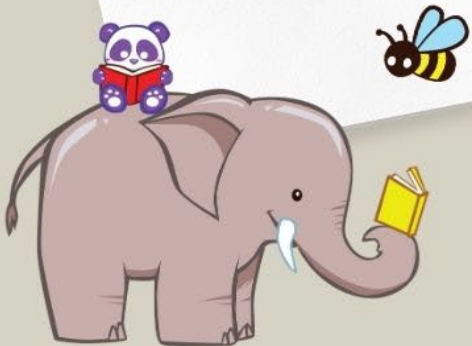
Baby Play Area



Dramatic Play Area



Signage in each area



In the community



- Offsite Programming
 - Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground
 - Animal Assisted Happiness
 - Preschool class visits
- Partnership with Pacific Clinics
- Partnership with Recreation Services
 - Youth and Families
 - Summer Preschool Camps
 - StoryWalk® at Parks



Early Learning by the Numbers



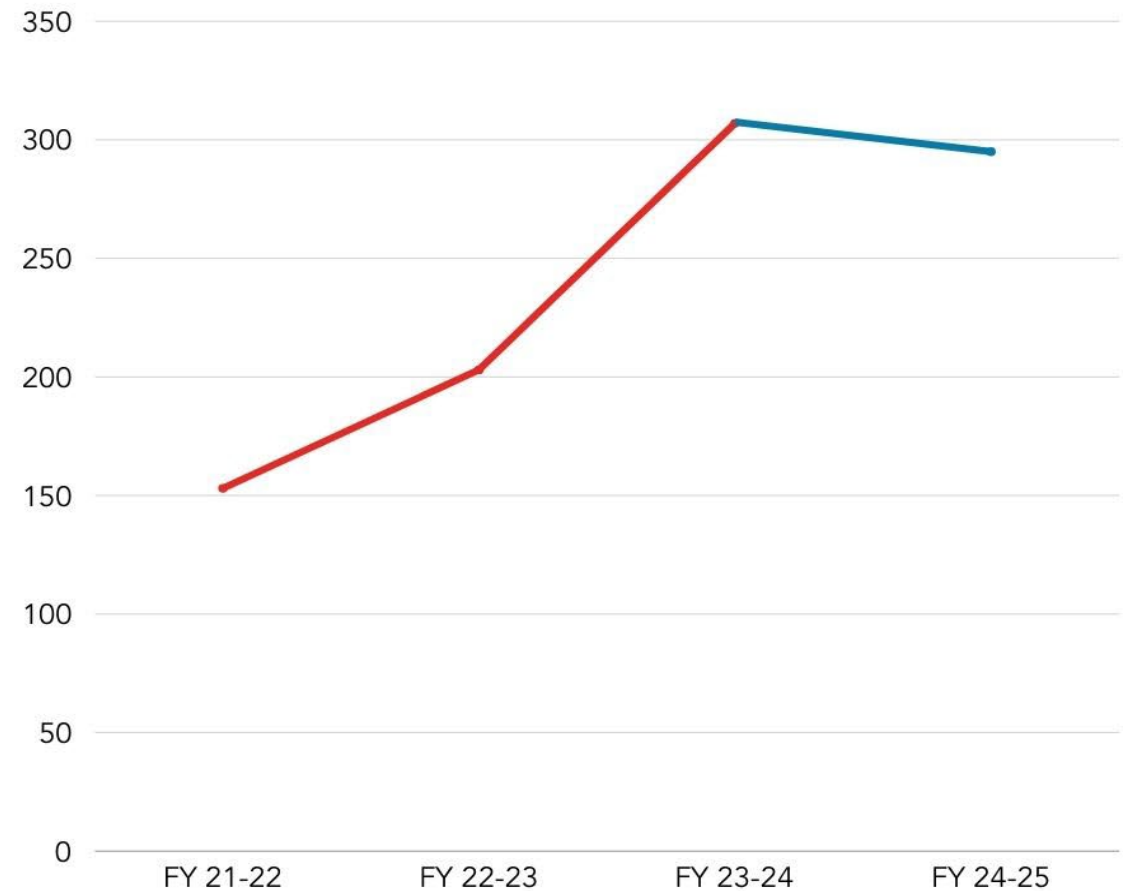
Number of Programs for children
ages 0-5 per fiscal year

FY 21-22: 153

FY 22-23: 203

FY 23-24: 307

FY 24-25: 295 (projected)
181 (through Feb.)



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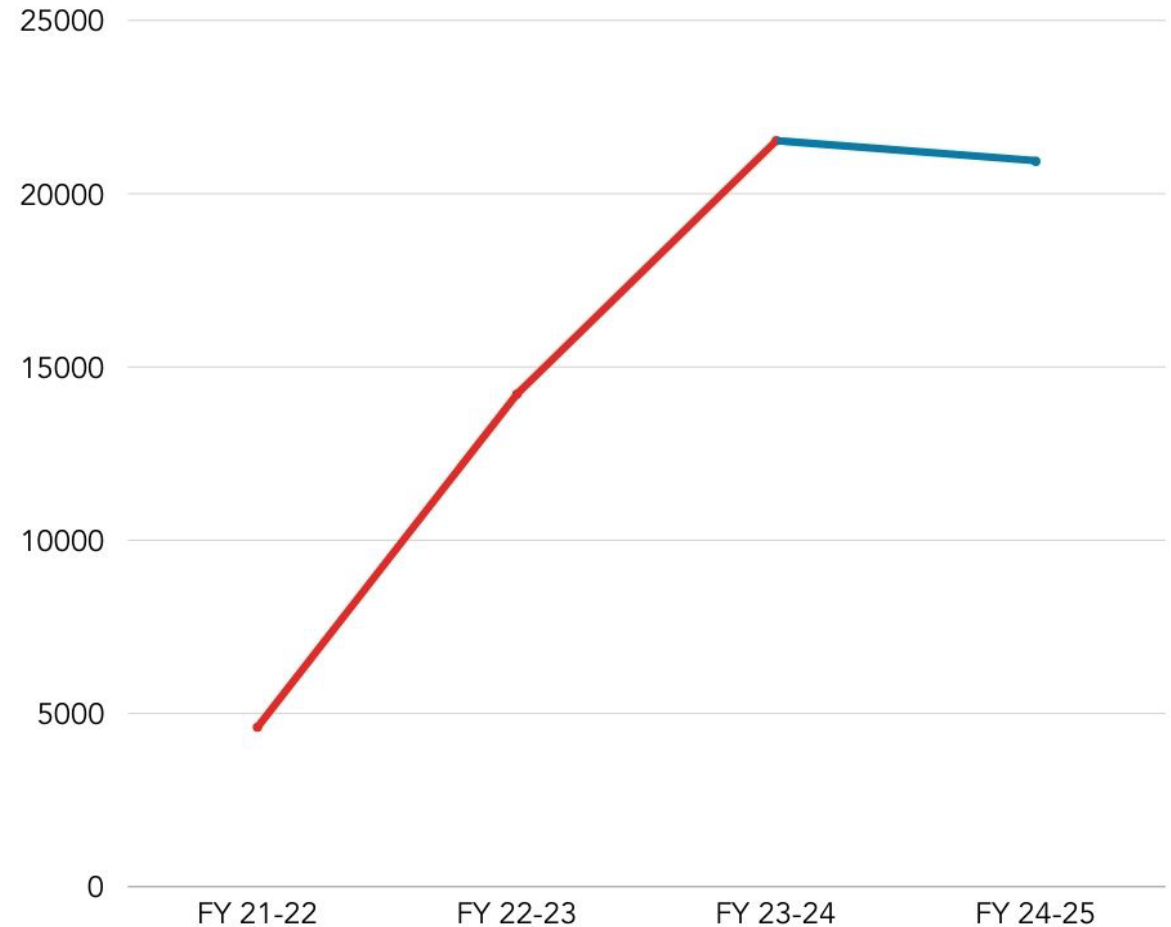
Attendance numbers for
0-5 programming

FY 21-22: 4,602

FY 22-23: 14,215

FY 23-24: 21,530

FY 24-25: 20,930 (projected)
14,106 (through Feb.)



Early Learning by the Numbers



Early Learning Hub Usage

Averages:

Monthly: 3,000

Weekly: 750

Daily: 150



36,746

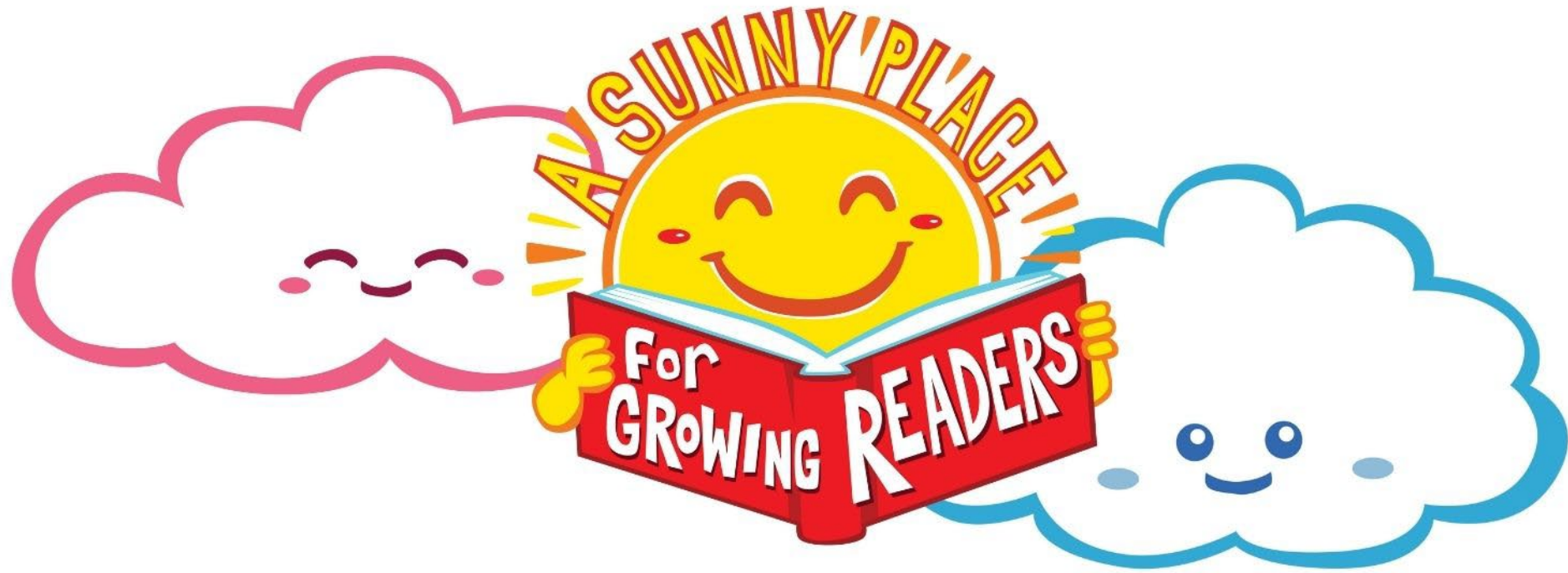
In 2024



Next Steps:

- Continue programming for ages 0-5
- Explore more outreach opportunities and potential partnerships
- Organize bimonthly parenting programs
- Maintain the Early Learning Hub





Questions?