



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

- Library of Things
- Storytime To Go Kits
- Launchpads



At the Library

- Early Learning Hub
- Family Engagement Programs
- Parenting Workshops
- Krayon Kiosks

In the Community

- Magical Bridge Playground
- Partnerships

Learning at Home



Storytime To Go Kits

Storytime at home

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



Library of Things

For ages 3 and up

Jumbo Animals
Mega Blocks
Picasso Tiles
Tinkertoys
Tiny Adventures Microscope



Launchpads

For ages 3 and up



Learning at the Library:



- Weekly Storytimes
- Special Storytimes
- Play-based programs
 - Sensory Play
 - Early Learning Playtime
 - Baby Playdates



Learning at the Library:



- Baby Sign Language
- Parenting Workshops
- Summer
 - Little Messy Art
 - Toddler Time
 - Preschool Little Learners
 - Special Family Programs



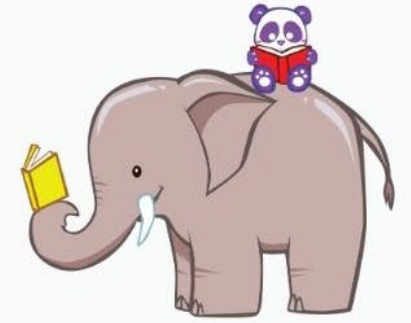


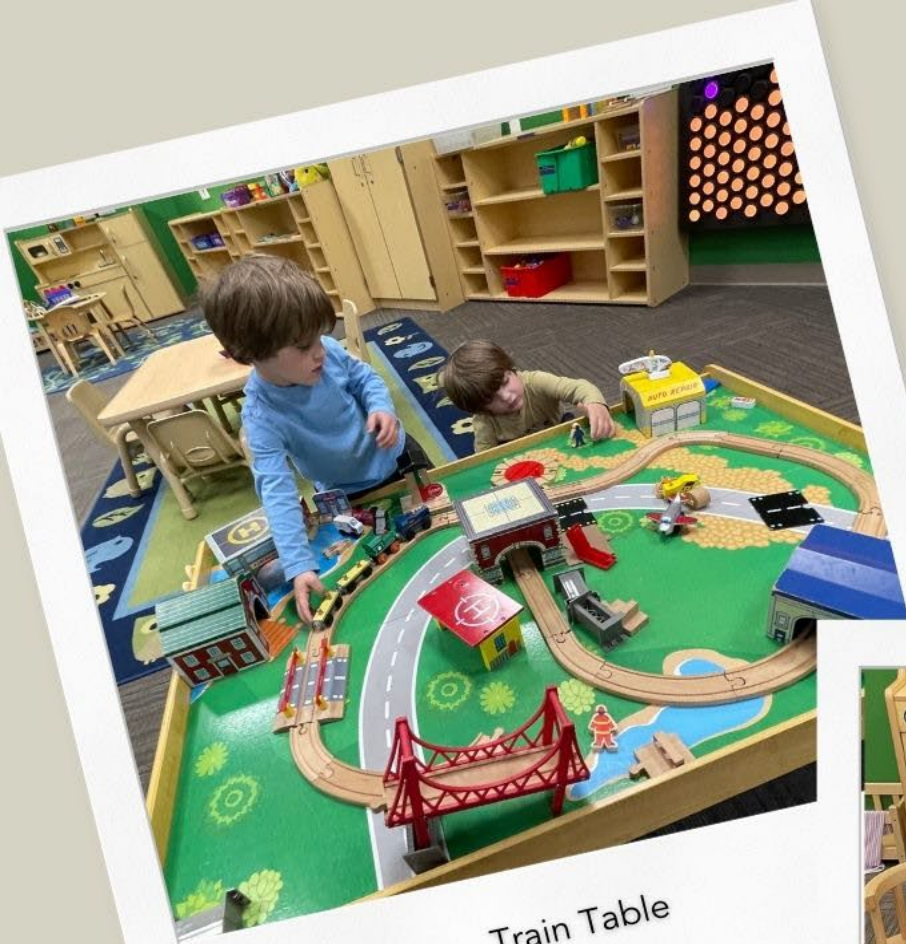
Early Learning Hub



Benefits of the Early Learning Hub

- Provides a strong foundation for future educational success by:
 - Encouraging play-based learning
 - Fostering language and literacy
 - Promoting early math and science skills
 - Developing fine and gross motor skills
 - Making learning fun and engaging
 - Building relationships with their peers and caregivers





Train Table

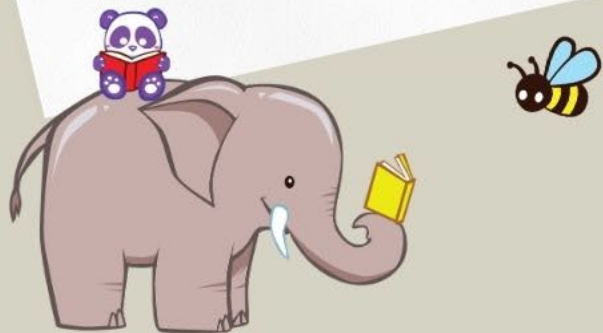


Everbright Light Wall & Sorting Area

Dramatic Play Area



Baby Play Area



**PLAY PROMOTES
SELF CONFIDENCE**

Playing new activities & games allows kids to try new things, practice tricky tasks and make social connections with peers

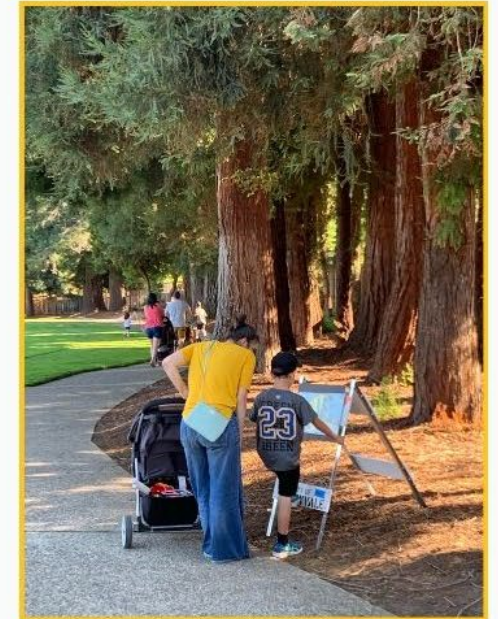


Signage in each area

In the Community



- Offsite Programming
 - Storytime at Magical Bridge Playground
 - Preschool class visits
- Partnership with Pacific Clinics
- Collaborations 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: 290

FY 25-26: 311 (projected)
206 (through Feb.)



Early Learning by the Numbers



Attendance numbers for
0-5 programming

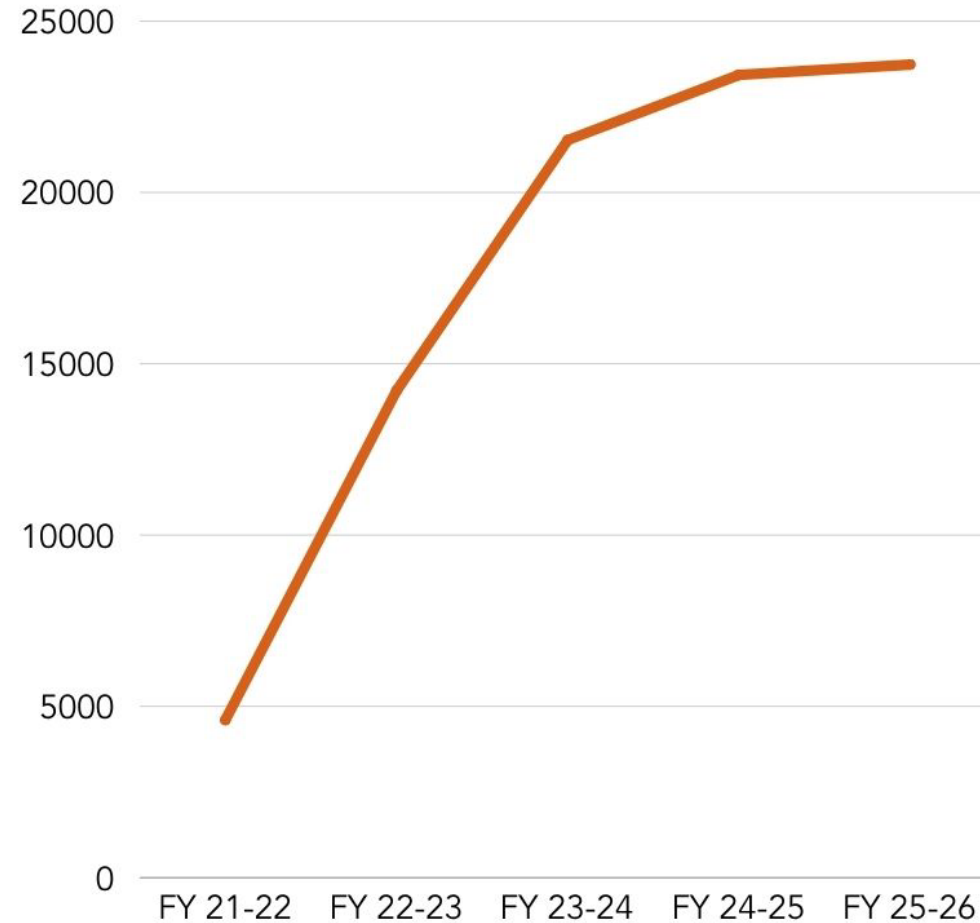
FY 21-22: 4,602

FY 22-23: 14,215

FY 23-24: 21,530

FY 24-25: 23,432

FY 25-26: 23,734 (projected)
12,364 (through Jan.)



Early Learning by the Numbers



Early Learning Hub Usage

Averages:

Monthly: 3,173

Weekly: 750

Daily: 150



38,077

In 2025



Next Steps:

- Continue programming for ages 0-5
- Explore more outreach opportunities and partnerships
- Maintain the Early Learning Hub
- Add more items for ages 0-5 to the Children's Library of Things collection





Questions?