

Williamsburg Regional Library Mobile Library Services Preschool Outreach Services

The Williamsburg Regional Library supports the early literacy of all of our community's youngest children (birth to age five, with a special emphasis on three and four year olds) to improve their school readiness. The library's Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010 states that we will "provide excellent outreach services."

Our aim is to:

- Serve the preschool audience within our buildings *and* in the institutions where children spend their time during the week
- Increase parents', teachers', and caregivers' skill in sharing books with young children by demonstrating the best practices for selecting and sharing stories
- Increase children's ability to live in a print-rich environment by getting books into their hands
- Increase awareness in our community of the services, resources, and programs available from the library to support the early childhood audience

Effective September 1, 2007, the level of outreach library services available to preschools and childcare centers will be tiered based on an institution's enrollment size. Provisions of outreach services will be phased-in through 2010.

- **Tier 1** - Those institutions serving **40 or more** preschoolers
 - **Library Service Options for Tier 1 Preschools/Childcare Centers:**
 - Monthly onsite story times
 - Circulation (Mobile Library Services Van visits to checkout materials)
 - Deposit collections (collections of books that may be checked out as a unit)
 - Training opportunities for your staff in best practices for selecting and sharing books with preschoolers
- **Tier 2** - Those serving **15-39** preschoolers
 - **Library Service Options for Tier 2 Preschools/Childcare Centers (2007/2008):**
 - Two onsite story times per year
 - Training opportunities in best practices for selecting and sharing stories
- **Tier 3** - Those serving **less than 15** preschoolers
 - **Library Service Options for Tier 3 Preschools/Childcare Centers**
 - Exploration of possible services in 2010

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