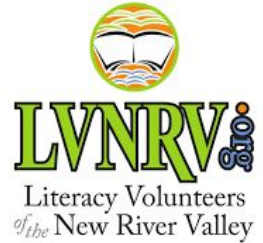
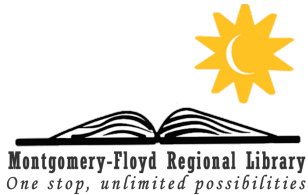


FAMILY READS

READING AND ENGLISH TO ACHIEVE DREAMS AND SUCCESS

A Family Literacy Program

Presented by Monena Hall, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library System



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American Dream Literacy Initiative

10 years of funding

214 grants to 188 libraries in 33 states through 6 rounds of funding

Stats from http://www.ala.org/advocacy/sites/ala.org.advocacy/files/content/ADLI-10-yrs_web.pdf

Our journey includes funding in 2018 and 2019

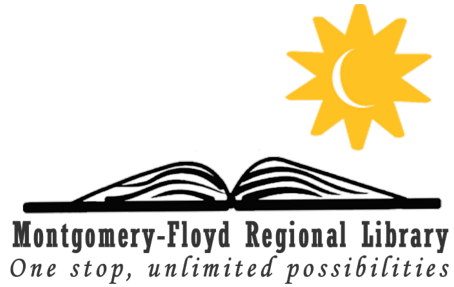
3 of 4 branches in 2018, all 4 branches in 2019

Using internal funding to support programming in 2020

Funding

- Using the ALA funding, we subcontracted with LVNRV to provide Adult Education (~\$5800 each funding cycle)
- Remaining \$4200 funds paid for dinner, supplies, small incentives, and technology
- Each branch program costs were completely different

Primary partners



Supporting Partners



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WHY do family literacy programming?

The single greatest indicator of a child's success in school is the reading level of the parent.



Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley Director Linda Jilk . Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library . *One stop, unlimited possibilities*



WHAT IS FAMILY READS?

A 7-week family literacy program (2 hour sessions) for parents who are English Language Learners and have children ages 2-6, plus siblings



WHAT IS THE PROGRAM'S GOAL?

To increase the English skills of parents to achieve parenting, work, and community goals and to fully partner in their child's education, while also increasing the English skills of their children.



WHERE?

Blacksburg Public Library

Meadowbrook Public Library in Shawsville

Jessie Peterman Memorial Library in Floyd

Christiansburg Public Library





WHAT HAPPENS DURING FAMILY READS?

Weekly schedule includes:
Storytime (PACT-Time, Parent And Child Together); 15-20 minutes

Adult Learning Time/Children's Learning Time (occurring simultaneously); 1 hour, 15 minutes

Family/volunteer meal time (PACT-Time) with bingo; 20-30 minutes

Book check out time; 5-15 minutes

Program time – 5:30-8:00 p.m.

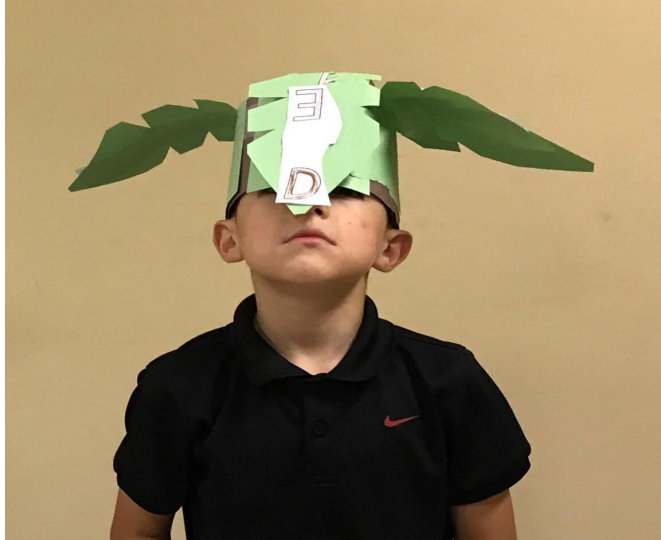


WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF EACH SESSION?

- Picture book introduction
- Book-related children's activities
- Reinforce learning for parents and children
- Dinner for everyone

CHILDREN'S LEARNING TIME

Engage children in
English language
and literacy skills





PARENT LEARNING TIME

- Practiced reading the book of the week,
- Received instructions for a take-home activity
- Practiced reading and speaking English.



Program Goals

Encourage parents to read at least 20 minutes a day to their children at home.



HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

We have developed a manual to aid in program implementation. The manual includes the children's book and activities used for each of the 7 sessions.

<https://www.livebinders.com/b/2562266>



SUCSESSES

Catalyst to continued parent participation in English language learning.

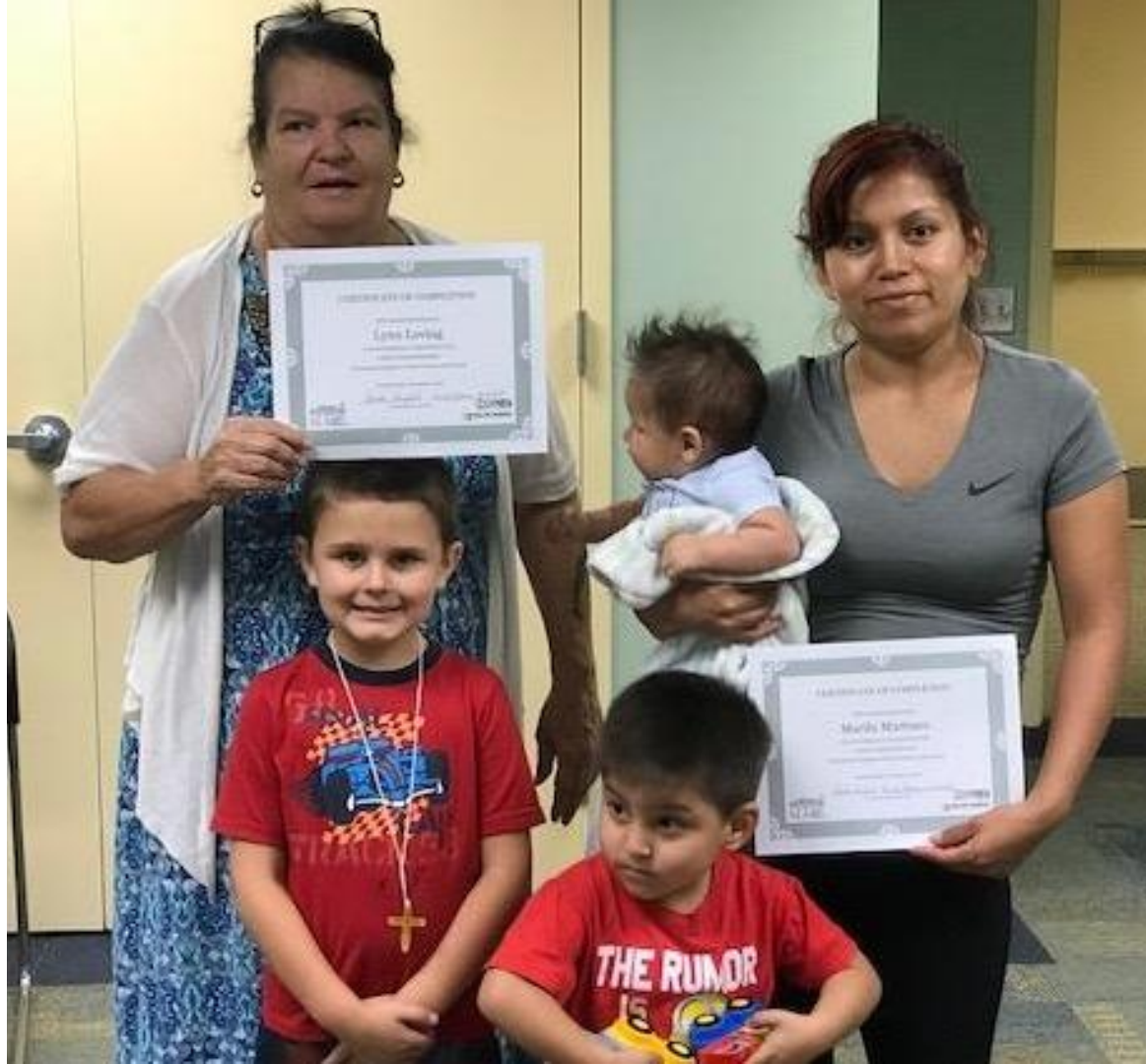
Building relationships and trust with ELL families leads to education continuation and expansion.

Increased engagement with public library.

Parents better able to read with children.

Increase in parent's own English skills

Partnership between the library, LVNRV and local volunteers has been developed to improve capacity to provide programming for ELLs.



CHALLENGES

Family recruitment

Parent learning/retention

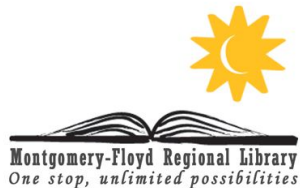
Effective marketing

Let's talk about these questions:

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