



Together We Grow a multicultural family literacy pilot program - Mackay City Library program outline

Duration:

- Four weeks, each session one hour in length.

Rationale for weekly themes selected:

- Universal themes relevant for all cultures to encourage conversations and create connections.
- Provides opportunities to discover and compare between homeland and new home.
- Encourages sharing oral stories to assist with literacy development.
- Library language collection and material resources will add stimulus for weekly sessions.
- Sessions have a consistent format and framework as a starting point, participant's family events and daily living adding responsiveness and personal relevance to session content.

Program focus is to foster connections with library community, provide opportunities to enhance current literacy skills and promote social inclusion.

Session Two: Animals

Time: 10-11am.

Staff time allocated for program: 3 hours for preparation and pack away.

For staff: Ensure weekly attendance form and Consent and Release form is signed.

Aim of session	Topics	Resources and activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to familiarise families with library staff. • Continue to familiarise families with library building, space and collections. • Promote <i>MyLanguage</i> website. • Create English/other language cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and songs • Theme for week: Animals • Word sharing • Reading • Activity • Farewell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome song • Action songs • LOTE resources ready for session. • Activity drawing: pens, paper, crayons, pencils. • Blank flash cards

Preparations:

- Morning tea – set up appropriate space.
- Room set-up for comfort and optimise welcoming feeling, activity table set up, bins, change areas.
- Display resources and activities for mothers and children to do.

- Directional signs for facilities – bilingual?
- Have camera or video equipment ready/set up.
- Library staff to wear name badges and be introduced.
- Name badges (could be sticky labels) for participants.
- Together We Grow activity sheet printed.

Session content:

Time allocated	Activity	Requirements
9.15-9.45am	Set up room and space	
9.45-10am	Greet participants, ensure attendance sheet & consent forms signed, collect participants contact details.	Forms printed and ready, pens/pencils.
10-10.05am	Acknowledgement of Country and Welcoming song.	Hi, hello and how are you?
10.05-10.07am	Finger Rhyme	Incy Wincy Spider
10.07-10.15am	Around the group each person greets and shares with the group "I went walking and saw . . ."	Staff scribe what each person saw. A3 paper, thick coloured pens, or cardboard blank flash cards to scribe English/other language words.
10.15-10.25am	Bilingual Old MacDonald's Farm (Bilingual).	Create word cards while singing.
10.25-10.35am	In your library discovery: Walk through the library and discover a collection or information and the next book to share. Large format story "I love animals".	Locate the next book to share in the collection. LOTE book, beginner readers or community information. Look at magazines.
10.35-10.55am	What did you see in the illustrations?	Activity: draw your favourite animal.
11am	Farewell song and task for coming week (try something new, try something familiar) Next week "I visited . . ."	Together We Grow activity sheet. Handout Family Reading Packs or ABC Time kit to each child.



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