



Together We Grow a multicultural family literacy pilot program - Millmerran 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.

Focus for the community is fostering social connections with library community and providing opportunity to enhance current literacy skills.

Session Two: Land (Gardening)

Time: 10.30-11.30am. BYO morning tea to share.

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. • Introduce parallel text materials and songs. • Promote the <i>MyLanguage</i> website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions and songs • Theme for week: Land (Gardening) • Word sharing • Reading • Activity • Farewell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome song • Action songs • Program flyer with dates, times and session description. • LOTE resources ready for session: Gardening storytelling kit. • Vegetable seeds, pots, soil, water, place to wash hands, soap, paper towels, pens, cardboard, paddle pop sticks or skewer, sticky tape.

Considerations:

- Seeds. Need to ensure seeds are large in size, suitable for small children (no fertiliser or chemicals). Broad beans were selected on advice from gardening supplies.
- Is there a community garden in Millmerran to attend this session? Or a local gardener or garden centre? This would be an added connection for the community.

Preparations:

- Morning tea. Organise a space or place for the group to share morning tea.
- Room set-up for comfort and optimise welcoming feeling, activity table set up, bins, change areas.
- Organise a suitable space to plant the seeds.
- Display resources and activities for mothers and children to do.
- Directional signs for facilities – (Bilingual) English/Karen/Filipino
- 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.
- Program flyers printed.
- Together We Grow activity sheet.

Session content:

Time allocated	Activity	Requirements
10am		Set up room and space
10.15am	Greet participants, ensure attendance sheet signed feedback form to hand out. Name tags/stickers.	Forms printed and ready, pens/pencils.
10.30-10.35am	Acknowledgement of Country and Welcoming song	Hi, hello and how are you?
10.35-10.45am	Introductions and rapport building: Around the group share “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.
10.45-10.55am	Share a Filipino parallel story Ask a volunteer to read with staff?	‘There’s a snake in the house’.
10.55-11.00am	Finger rhyme	Round and round the garden like a teddy bear.
11.00-11.10am	In your library discovery: Walk through the library and discover a collection or information area, find the hidden book to share. Read large format story “Up, Down and around”.	Large format book to be hidden in an area of library that we want to highlight to participants – LOTE or beginner readers or community information. Look at other gardening books.
11.10-11.15am	Action song	Five garden snails
11.15-11.25am	Activity time. Discuss where will you keep this plant at home? What	Plant a vegetable seed in a small pot and watch it grow through program.

	does it need to grow?	Create a small plant label and add child/parent name. Care instructions to take home in English/Karen/Filipino.
11.25-11.30am	Open Shut Them goodbye song. Next week "I saw in the garden . . "	Together We Grow activity sheet.

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