



What Parents Are Saying:

“This was an eye-opener and a nice education on how to handle my child’s reading. I am indeed grateful to be part of this workshop.”

“This is interesting. I am more motivated to continue and improve on my reading habits with my children. Thank you.”

“I learned not only how to read, but also how to relax and enjoy while reading with my children.”



For more information on hosting, funding, leading, or participating in this program, please contact the PLN office:

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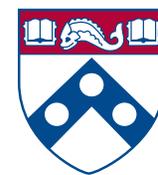
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FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM



This is a program for parents, teachers, tutors, after school staff, and parent educators based on the work of Dr. Morton Botel, Emeritus Professor, PLN Founder, Former President of The International Reading Association (IRA), and a member of The IRA's Reading Hall of Fame.



FAMILY LITERACY

What is the PLN Family Literacy Program?

The PLN Family Literacy Program includes interactive workshops conducted by veteran PLN literacy specialists.

The literacy program is effective for parents with children ages 4–10 and it works particularly well for ELL and Special Needs students up to age 12.

PLN literacy activities can help prepare students for successful classroom learning.

The Family Literacy Program

Families are given a paperback book, a teaching guide and language investigation activities at each workshop to keep in their home library.

The books are enjoyable and engaging, with many opportunities for parents and children to have conversations about these stories as a paradigm for learning together using other books that they may have at home or in school.

PLN facilitators support parents as they explore books, lesson plan guides and language investigation activities (emphasizing decoding, sentence making and vocabulary) during each workshop.

PLN has an additional family program called “Good Eating/Good Reading: Eat Right! Read Write!”

This program focuses on healthy foods and books. Facilitators include a PLN literacy specialist and a nutritionist.

How the Program Works

Parents participate in a workshop with a PLN facilitator.

Each parent/child team signs an agreement to work together at home at least 2–3 times a week.

Parents are provided with a variety of resources to work with their children at home.