

eKids: Birth to Tech @ HCL

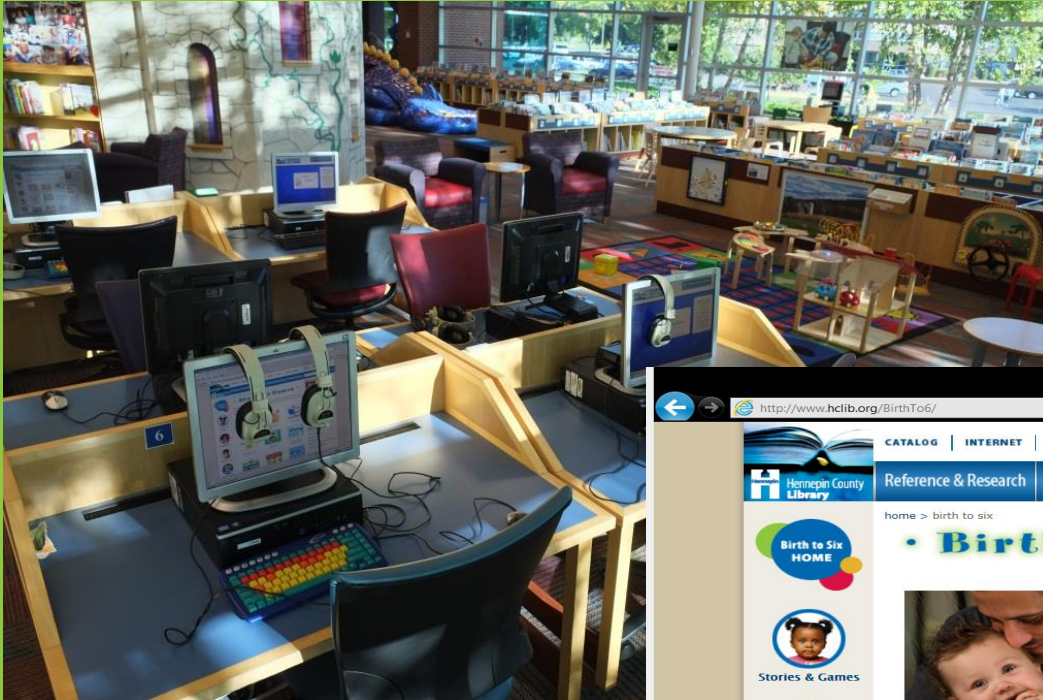
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Birth to Six Computer Project



The best technology experiences for children involve a caregiver, are engaging, and let the child take the lead.

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Birth to Six

talk together
Enjoy these five simple yet powerful ways to prepare your children to become readers!

talk together
Children learn about language by listening and joining in the conversation. Talk as you play and choose books that interest your children to talk about!

sing together
[Fingerplays, Rhymes & Songs](#) slow down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words. Ask a librarian to help you find familiar or new songs to sing together.

read together
Shared reading gets children ready to read. Kids who are read to are more likely to enjoy reading themselves.
[Read To Me videos](#) show how fun and easy shared reading is.

write together
Encourage your children to write or draw. A first step to writing is to stimulate small motor muscle control with toys and art supplies.

BIRTH TO SIX BLOG
Talk together, and take a breath
Today in Storytime I shared one of my favorite tips for talking with young children. It's one I wish I had known when my own kids were young. When you ask a...
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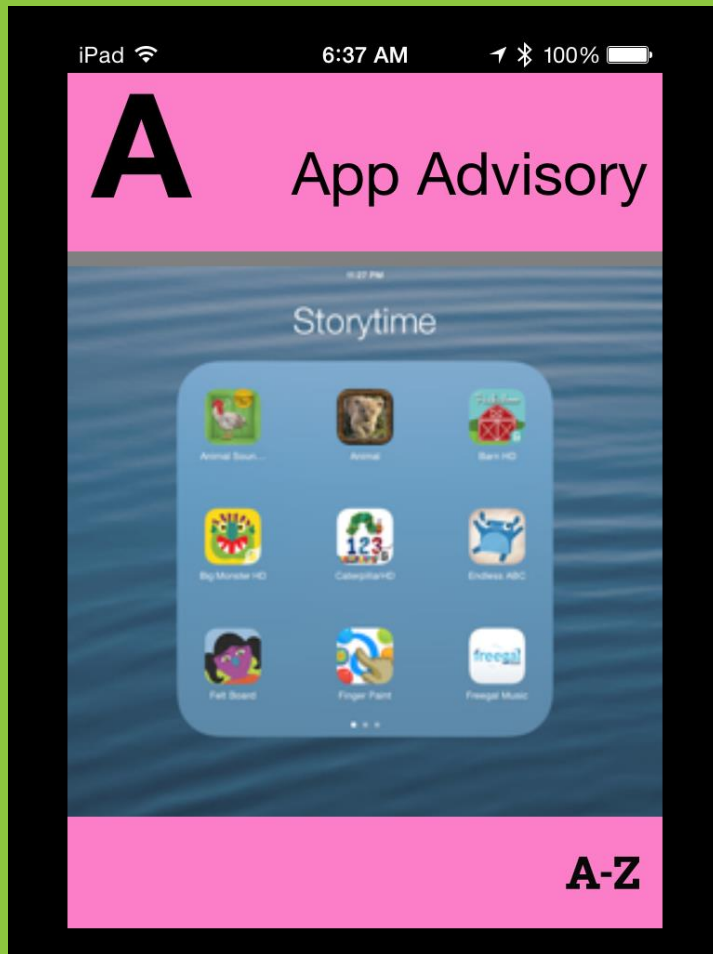
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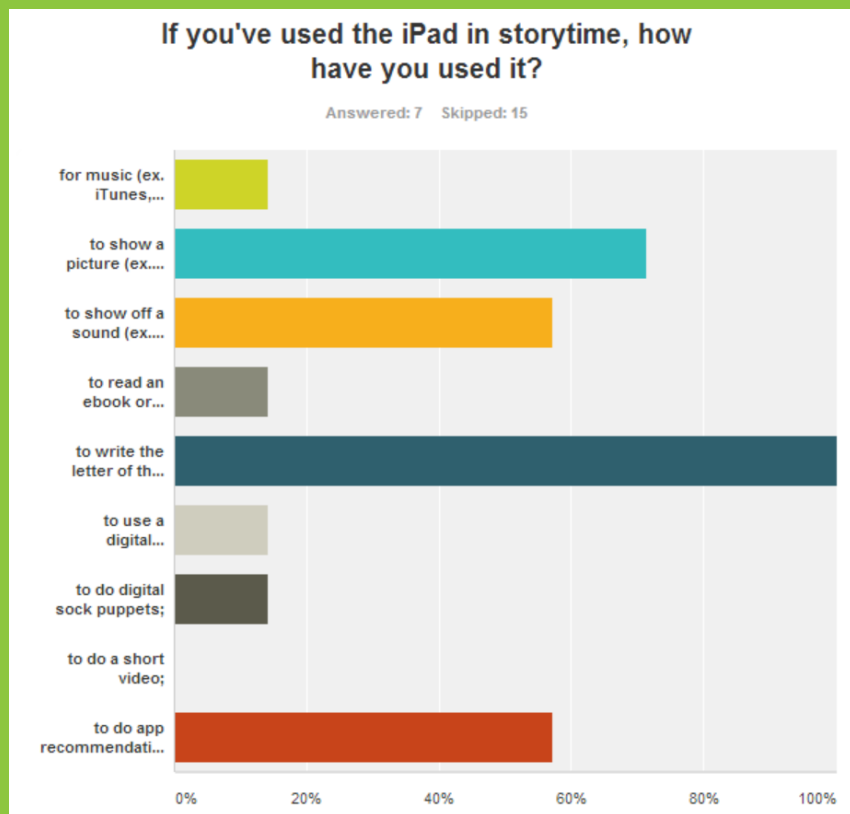
“I really like having two sets of headphones, so that both of my kids can sit together and listen to Tumblebooks.”

iPads in Storytime



- To Provide App Advisory, helping guide caregivers to the best of the digital playground
- To have fun, keep it fresh, and play with the five early literacy practices

iPads in Storytime



Balancing Digital & Traditional Content:

- "I am strong on traditional content but spice it up with digital content when it fits easily into my theme of the week."
- "I try to keep the digital content a very small portion of the overall storytime. I alternate real felt and digital felt boards. I will use sounds for fun, or to extend literacy content. I find that it provides a certain level of fun and excitement, much like that caused by traditional tools like puppets and props."
- "I have stuck to traditional print books for reading in storytime, but I think the sing/play/write/talk practices translate super easily to digital content."

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Providing Support

- An on-going mailing list
- In-person meetings to share ideas
- Creating a table for trying apps out at our latest Storytime Resource Training Session



iPads and Early Literacy: a Together Project

- Pilot program funded by LSTA grant
- Provide iPads with early literacy apps for patrons to check out and use in the library (2 iPads at 8 locations)
- iPads are intended for young children (pre-readers) to use interactively and together with a caregiver
- Apps are selected and organized to align with ALA's "Every Child Ready to Read" practices: talk, sing, read, write, play

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Early literacy app advisory for the public is key:

- Presentations for caregivers
- Point-of-service conversations
- Brochure



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App Advisory:

- Talk, sing, read, write, play with apps
- Apps can supplement, not replace, books
- Explore apps together
- Choose apps with:
 - Meaningful interactive elements
 - Intuitive wayfinding
 - Clear fonts
 - Uncluttered displays

