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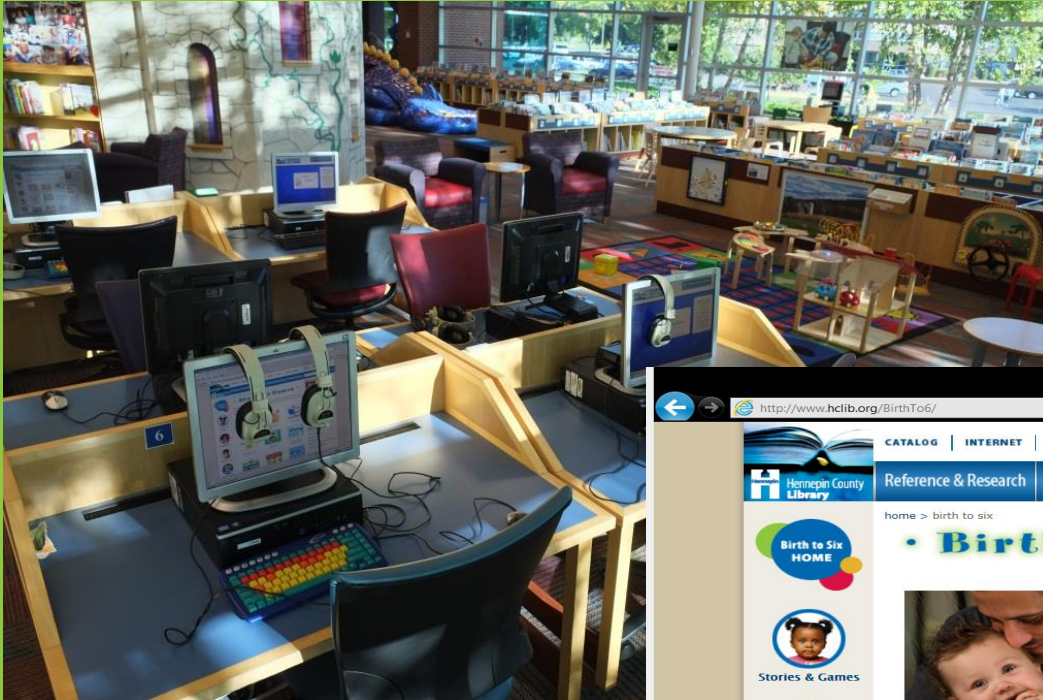
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Birth to Six Computer Project

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

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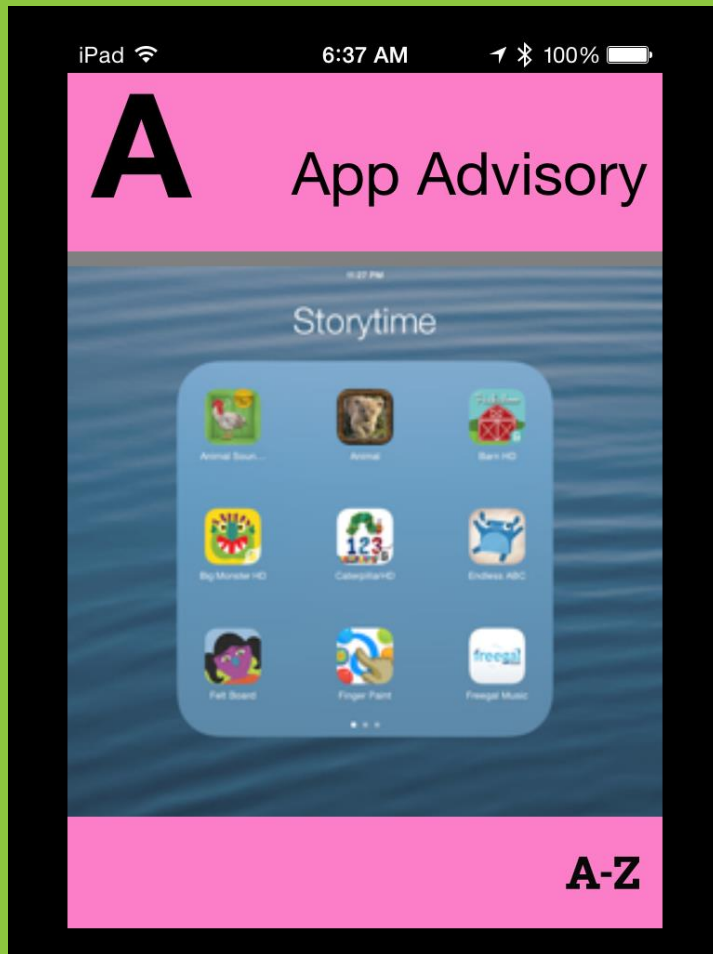# Birth to Six Computer Project

"It's nice to have two chairs, so that I can sit with my child."
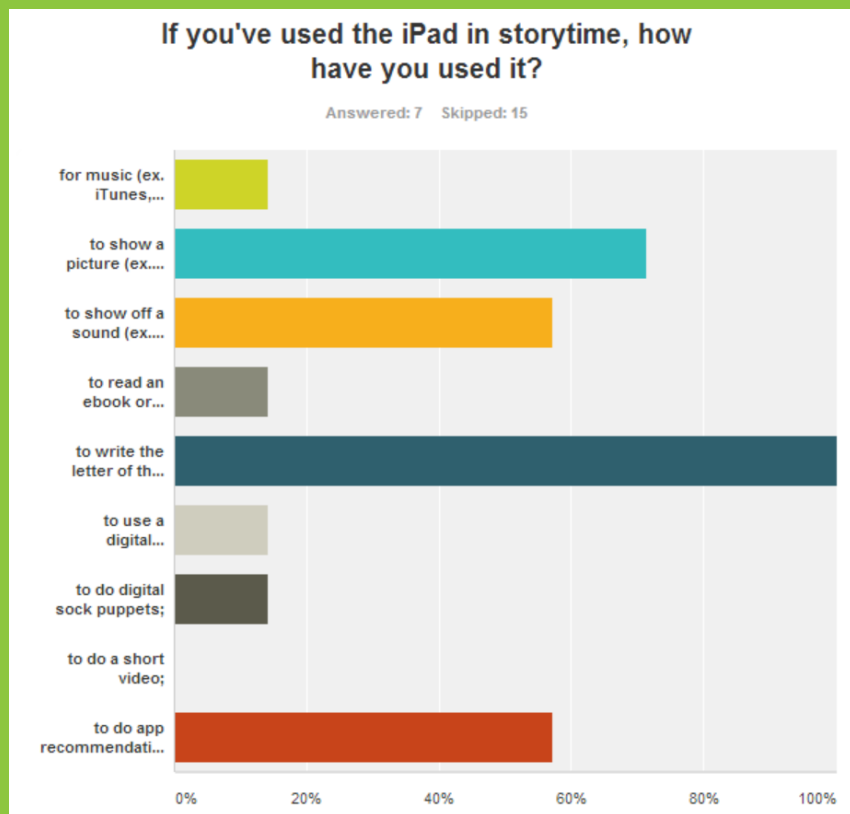
"I really like having two sets of headphones, so that both of my kids can sit together and listen to Tumblebooks."

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

If you've used the iPad in storytime, how have you used it?

Answered: 7   Skipped: 15

- for music (ex. iTunes,...
- to show a picture (ex....
- to show off a sound (ex....
- to read an ebook or...
- to write the letter of th...
- to use a digital...
- to do digital sock puppets;
- to do a short video;
- to do app recommendati...

0%   20%   40%   60%   80%   100%

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."

iPads in Storytime

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

iPads and Early Literacy: a Together Project

Early literacy app advisory for the public is key:

- Presentations for caregivers

- Point-of-service conversations

- Brochure

sing together

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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:
  - o Meaningful interactive elements
  - o Intuitive wayfinding
  - o Clear fonts
  - o Uncluttered displays