



## **BOOKMATES' WORKSHOPS FALL 2023**

For a complete listing of Professional Development opportunities please visit: <https://bookmates.ca/what-we-offer/>. Current themes include:

### **SING ME A STORY, READ ME A SONG**

This workshop focuses on using songs and rhymes in developing early literacy skills. Through music, rhymes, stories, movement, props and more participants will come away with a variety of ideas for books, songs and literacy extension activities that nurture healthy child development – including language building, numeracy support, gross and fine motor skills, and social-emotional development. No musical background or singing skills required! This workshop is ideal for those working with preschool aged children.



### **FALLING INTO BOOKS**

This workshop will help refresh and rejuvenate your planning process with new ideas that support fall themed play-based, early learning activities. Plenty of rhymes and songs with children's' picture books and hands-on activities will be shared. A variety of literacy extension ideas based on the rhymes, songs and books presented will be provided as a resource. This workshop is ideal for those working with preschool aged children.



### **BOOKS FOR BABIES**

Book exploration is so important for our youngest learners! This workshop shares a selection of books especially designed for infants and toddlers and provides activity ideas that build on the early literacy concepts that can be found in each. Participants will leave the workshop with a variety of hands-on, interactive activities and book ideas that can be easily incorporated into programming.



## **OPEN A BOOK, OPEN THE WORLD**

This workshop is focused on sharing early literacy resources that promote diversity including race, creed, gender, culture, family structures and abilities. Content includes:

- Reviewing the importance of being intentional with the types of early literacy information, tools and strategies we incorporate into our programs
- Exploring concepts to strengthen, support and enhance the fundamentals of literacy while celebrating diverse communities
- Sharing a variety of children's books and related hands-on literacy extension activities that can be integrated into our current environments. These resources will be primarily geared to children ages 2-6 years of age.



## **COLOURING OUTSIDE THE LINES**

This literacy framed workshop will explore the concept that creativity is a bridge to learning and an important part of a young child's development. It is designed to share practical skills, tips, and resources for how early learning educators can engage children with open-ended process art activities to extend literacy concepts. Content includes:

- Discussing the difference between arts and crafts
- Exploring how art supports healthy child development
- Sharing how literacy and language skills are developed through art
- Providing hands-on literacy activity ideas connected to process art



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