



BOOKMATES' WORKSHOPS SPRING 2024

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

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.



STORIES OF SPRING

This workshop will help refresh and rejuvenate your planning process with new ideas that support spring 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 toddlers and preschool aged children



SLIDING INTO SUMMER – MATCHING SUMMER THEMED BOOKS WITH EARLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES

This workshop will help refresh and rejuvenate your planning process with new ideas that support summer themed play-based, early learning activities. Included:

- Strategies to support early literacy in the summer months
- Summer themed book ideas, rhymes and songs
- A variety of literacy extension ideas provided as a resource

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.



WE DIG DINOSAURS (AND SO MUCH MORE!):

Following Children's Interests in Early Childhood Settings

Join us as we explore the importance of encouraging, celebrating and building on the ideas and interests of young children in early childhood settings. Together we'll look at stories, rhymes, songs and hands-on activities that can be adapted to the interests of the children in various early learning environments while encouraging numeracy, literacy, gross and fine motor skills. Participants will have the opportunity to work with others to develop their own ready-to-use interest-based lesson/activity plans as we recognize the importance of following the lead of the children in our care. Best for those working with toddlers and pre-school aged children.



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