

Welcome to Raising the Bar

Integrating Early Childhood Education into Librarian Professional Development

The New York Public Library proudly presents a FREE four-part training series developed in collaboration with CUNY's Professional Development Institute and funded by the Institution of Museum and Library Services.

Raising the Bar is a curriculum development and training initiative that is equipping librarians in New York City and across the country with research-based best practices to inform their early literacy planning and delivery.

Libraries are often the first introduction to early childhood learning for countless families, and we believe the twenty-first century children's librarian has a unique role as a community anchor, educator, and ambassador of early literacy.

We developed **Raising the Bar** as a bridge to connect early childhood development to public librarianship and, through an IMLS grant, have made the curriculum and its materials digitally accessible and downloadable.

The curriculum and its materials serve as a free professional development resource for other library systems to implement early literacy training initiatives in their branches.

Module A: Foundational Knowledge

This course focuses on the basic early childhood concepts that are important foundations to all early literacy work.

Module B: Storytime

This course will help students develop an understanding of how to support children's healthy intellectual and emotional development during Storytime.

Module C: Family Literacy Engagement Workshops

This course will explore adult education workshop techniques for engaging caregivers in creating literacy-friendly worlds for their children.

Module D: Early Childhood Outreach

This course highlights best practices in working with early childhood providers to enhance literacy activities in early childhood environments.

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