

# EARLY LITERACY AT A GLANCE

## A GUIDE TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Delaware Readiness Teams

The Delaware Readiness Teams work to strengthen communities at a local level by working with families, schools, early learning providers, and community members to help children get ready for school and life.

**Instructional Level:** Early Childhood/Elementary

**Hours of Operation:** Flexible

**Locations:** 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 704 Wilmington, De. 19801  
1303 Blairs Pond Road Milford, De. 19963

**Contact Information:**

[www.delawarereadinessteam.com](http://www.delawarereadinessteam.com)  
[dcfrentzel@gmail.com](mailto:dcfrentzel@gmail.com)  
302-547-2984

**Literacy Tools:** Nemours Reading BrightStart! cards and bookmarks/Vroom app/Library Rack Cards/CDC Developmental Milestones App

### Reading Assist

Reading Assist empowers struggling readers to succeed through high-impact tutoring and educator training grounded in the science of reading.

**Age Group Served:** Ages 5 - 8

**Hours of Operation:** 8 AM - 5 PM

**Location:** Headquartered in Wilmington, serves students throughout Delaware, southeastern Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.

**Contact Information:**

[www.readingassist.org](http://www.readingassist.org)  
[info@readingassist.org](mailto:info@readingassist.org)  
302) 425-4080

**Literacy Tools:** Reading Assist Intervention Program, Acadience Reading K-6

### Colonial School District Colonial Early Education Program

Public Pre-K program for children with and without disabilities

**Age Group Served:** Ages 3 - 4

**Hours of Operation:** 9:30 AM -3:30 PM, with aftercare provided onsite.

**Locations:** NCC & The Colwyck Center, 12 Landers Lane, New Castle, DE 19720

**Contact Information:**

<https://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/ceep/>  
[Katrina.daniels@colonial.k12.de.us](mailto:Katrina.daniels@colonial.k12.de.us)  
[dawn.alexander@colonial.k12.de.us](mailto:dawn.alexander@colonial.k12.de.us)  
**Literacy tools:** Heggerty Pre-k and Early Pre-k Curriculums/Tucker Signing/Creative Curriculum

### Read Aloud Delaware

Volunteer Reading Program, staffing volunteers in childcare centers to read to children across Delaware.

**Programs:** LENA Start is a 10-week program for new parents focused on improving literacy in the environment and talking in the household. Mother Goose/Pete the Cat character visits.

**Age Group Served:** Ages 0 - 5

**Location:** Offices in Wilmington, Dover, and Georgetown

**Hours of Operation:** Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

**Contact Information:**

[www.readalouddelaware.org](http://www.readalouddelaware.org)  
[jspadola@readalouddealware.org](mailto:jspadola@readalouddealware.org)  
302-656-5256

### Read Every Day (RED)

Read Every Day (RED) is a 501c nonprofit organization working to ensure high reading interests among children pre- and post-kindergarten. RED was registered as a non-profit in 2017 with a highly efficient literacy program reaching many kids and their families by placing a RED Lending Library (a kid's kid-friendly bookshelf) in every corner, classroom, and community. We also foster family engagement through the RED Knowledge Bank (a consolidated vocabulary guide by kids for kids).

**Age Group Served:** Ages 0 - 6 years

**Hours of Operation:** 8 am - 5 pm

**Location:** 220 Ann Dr, Middletown, DE 19709

**Contact Information:**

[www.readeverydayinc.org](http://www.readeverydayinc.org)  
(302-442-0850 or 302-883-9683  
[jonasacquah@readeverydayinc.org](mailto:jonasacquah@readeverydayinc.org)

**Literacy tools:** HBR Literacy Tools/RIF Literacy Tools and many others.

### Nemours Children's Reading BrightStart!

With the vision of helping every child become a reader, Reading BrightStart! specializes in developing research-based products, resources, and services to promote a strong reading foundation for children. Our family literacy website provides free tools and resources to help children ages birth to 5 prepare for reading success. The family-friendly content includes a free preschool reading screener, at home activities, book recommendations, and articles for parents.

**Age Group Served:** Ages 0 - 5

**Hours of Operation:** Virtual

**Location:** Virtual

**Contact Information:**

[www.readingbrightstart.org/](http://www.readingbrightstart.org/)  
[nemoursbrightstart@nemours.org](mailto:nemoursbrightstart@nemours.org)

**Literacy tools:** Free Preschool Reading Screener for 3,4 & 5-year-olds



## Delaware Department of Education

Academic Excellence Team  
Supporting all students in Pre-K-12th grade throughout Delaware's districts and charters  
**Instructional Level:** Kindergarten-Third Grade  
**Age Group Served:** Ages K - 12.  
**Hours of Operation:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.  
**Location:** 401 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901 (Office)  
**Contact Information:**  
<https://education.delaware.gov/families/birth-age-5/>  
[samantha.lougheed@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:samantha.lougheed@doe.k12.de.us)  
[amy.baker-sheridan@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:amy.baker-sheridan@doe.k12.de.us)  
Phone: (302) 735-4000, Fax: (302) 739-4654  
**Literacy tools:** Instructional Support – Delaware Department of Education  
Digital DE – Delaware Department of Education

## United Way of Delaware

Get Delaware Reading Wilmington (GDRW) aims to improve literacy among underserved children in Wilmington, working closely with schools, the Delaware Department of Education, and community partners to ensure more kids read proficiently by 5th grade. Services include home libraries, library cards, school attendance initiatives, social-emotional learning programs, and family engagement opportunities.  
**Instructional Level:** Pre K - 5th Grade  
**Age Group Served:** Ages 4 - 12  
**Hours of Operation:** N/A  
**Locations:** New Castle, Kent, Sussex County  
**Contact Information:** [www.uwde.org](http://www.uwde.org)  
[Klivingston@uwde.org](mailto:Klivingston@uwde.org)  
302-256-1920  
**Literacy tools:** Nemours BrightStart/BookNook/My Very Own Library/Reading Angels/Virtual Reading Angels/Ballard's Reading Buddies/Parent's As Teachers Home Visiting Initiative

## Delaware Libraries

Delaware Libraries provide a variety of free high quality early literacy resources across the state.  
**Instructional Level:** Ages 0 - 5.  
**Age Group Served:** All ages.  
**Hours of Operation:** Hours vary by location.  
**Location:** Statewide- 33 public libraries and 2 bookmobiles  
**Contact Information:**  
<https://answers.delawarelibraries.org/>  
(302) 257-3030  
**Literacy tools:** Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Beanstack, My First Delaware Library Card, Storytimes, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Curiosity Journals, and Summer Library Reading Program

## Reach Out and Read

Through Reach Out and Read, youth from birth to 5 years old receive a developmentally appropriate book at every well-child visit. Providers use the book to model shared reading, highlight its benefits, and encourage integrating it into daily routines.  
**Instructional Level:** Ages 0 - 5.  
**Location:** Statewide  
**Contact Information:**  
[www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)  
[keenon.mann@reachoutandread.org](mailto:keenon.mann@reachoutandread.org)  
**Literacy tools:** Shared reading guidance, developmentally and culturally appropriate books

## Literacy Delaware

We train volunteers to work with adults to improve their foundational literacy skills and/or English language skills. Learners meet 1-1 or in small groups with their tutor at a library on days and times convenient to their mutual schedules.  
**Instructional Level:** Adults  
**Age Group Served:** 16+. Those learners who are 16 -18 years of age, and are not in day school.  
**Hours of Operation** Administrative Office in the Wilmington Library, in-person Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM. Other days - Remote 8:30 AM-4:30 PM.  
**Location:** Libraries throughout the state  
**Contact Information**  
[www.literacydelaware.org](http://www.literacydelaware.org)  
302.658.5624  
[admin@literacydelaware.org](mailto:admin@literacydelaware.org)  
[director@literacydelaware.org](mailto:director@literacydelaware.org)  
**Literacy tools:** Specific curriculum/IXL/readworks.org/USAlearn s.org/  
NorthStar digital literacy/Resource list for tutors.

## Parent Information Center of Delaware (PIC of DE)

The Parent Information Center of Delaware is a valuable resource for families, providing support and guidance on navigating the education system. From advice on special education rights to workshops and consultations, the center is dedicated to ensuring every child receives the education they deserve. Through advocacy and collaboration, it promotes academic success and well-being statewide.  
**Age Group Served:** Ages 0 - 17  
**Hours of Operation:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
**Locations:** 404 Larch Circle  
Wilmington, DE 19804  
**Contact Information:**  
<https://picofdel.org>  
302-999-7394

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