



Advancing Literacy Teachers College, Columbia University

Family and Caregiver Workshops

Welcome to our year-long Family and Caregiver Workshops! We created this series to help support the literacy development of children outside of school. These workshops will provide essential guidance and suggestions of ways to work with children outside of the school day to help them become powerful and life-long readers and writers.

Workshops will be offered 2-4 times per month and will support students from grades PreK - 12. Some workshops will be offered in Spanish. We'll discuss a variety of topics including early literacy and reading; spelling, punctuation, and grammar; essay writing; AI/ChatGPT; storytelling and oral language; social justice; new book suggestions and more.

There are three major time slots for these sessions:

8:00am ET- Book Buzzes: What's new and exciting in children's literature
(30 minutes)

2:00pm ET – Family and Caregiver Workshops: Ways to Support Literacy and Academic Growth for Children and Teens
(45 minutes)

7:00pm ET – Family and Caregiver Workshops: Ways to Support Literacy and Academic Growth for Children and Teens
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Family and Caregiver Workshops	
9/25 @ 7:00pm ET	<i>Gearing Up for the New School Year with Reading and Writing: Ways to Foster Children's Literacy Lives Outside of School</i> Presenter: Emily Butler Smith Grades: 4-8
9/26 @ 7:00pm ET	<i>Gearing Up for the New School Year with Reading and Writing: Ways to Foster Children's Literacy Lives Outside of School</i> Presenter: Natalie Louis Grades: PreK- 3
10/9 @ 2:00pm ET	Fostering a Love for Fiction Reading: Nurturing Thinking and "Heart" Work in Everything from Wordless Picture Books to Chapter Books Presenters: Nancy Brennan- Grades: Prek-3 Kristin Smith - Grades: 3-9
10/10 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: Fall in Love with Series Book Reading: Wonderful Book Recommendations for Students who Read (and love listening to) Chapter Books Presenters: Amanda Hartman Grades: 1-4
10/16 @ 7:00pm ET	Fostering Early Literacy Skills with Young Learners: Fun Ways to Build Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Development Presenter: Beth Hickey Grades: PreK-2
10/17 @ 7:00pm ET	Crafting Compelling College Essays: An Inside View of How to Best to Support Writers Presenter: Coley Conter Grades: 11-12
10/19 9:00am-1:00pm ET	Saturday Reunion: Workshops for Caregivers, Families and Educators Grades: K-8 *Click here to Register*



10/19 9:00am-1:00pm ET	Reunión del sábado: Talleres para padres y maestros Grados: K-8 *haga clic aquí para registrarse*
11/13 @ 2:00pm ET	What is the Science of Reading? What can I be doing at home to support my child's reading development? Presenters: Natalie Louis and Beth Hickey Grades: Prek-5
11/14 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: Beautiful and Powerful New Picture Books that Celebrate People and Communities Presenter: Natalie Louis Grades: PreK-5
11/14 @ 8:00am ET	Zumbido de libros: Hermosos libros ilustrados que puedes leer en casa que celebran la identidad y la cultura Presentación: Alexandra Roman Grados: PreK-8
11/20 @ 7:00pm ET	Boost Comprehension, Vocabulary Development, and Community Building through Read Aloud Presenters: Amanda Hartman Grades: Prek-3
11/21 @ 7:00pm ET	Firming Up Foundational Skills with Upper Grade Students: Practical Ways to Support Spelling & Reading Fluency Skills Presenter: Natalie Louis Grades: 3-6
11/21 @ 7:00pm ET	¿Cuáles son las formas en que se puede apoyar la comprensión y el desarrollo del vocabulario a través de la lectura en voz alta en casa? Presentación: Alexandra Roman Grados: K-5
12/17 @ 2:00pm ET	Embrace the Potential of New Technologies with Children: Adapting and Changing with the World while also Thinking Critically about AI Presenter: Heather Burns Grades: 4 and up



12/18 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes for Wonderful New Chapter Books for Middle Grade and Young Adult Literature Presenter: Molly Picardi Grades 3 and up
12/18 @ 7:00pm ET	Support their Writing Development in Early Childhood: Easy Routines to Establish at Home Presenter: Beth Hickey Grades Prek-3 grade
12/19 @ 7:00pm ET	Ways to Encourage & Support Student Writers to Have More Confidence, Fluency, and Voice in Writing Presenter Kim Brooks Grades: 4- up
1/6 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: Learn about Exciting New Nonfiction Books that Children Will Want to Read Over and Over Presenter: Amanda Hartman Grades: PreK-5
1/8 @ 8:00am ET	Zumbido de libros: ¿Qué es la construcción de conocimientos? ¿Cómo puedo apoyar a mi hijo en casa? Presentación: Alexandra Roman Grados: K-5
1/8 @ 2:00pm ET	Teaching Kids to Advocate for Themselves: Raising Questions, Solving Problems, and Growing Independent Learners Presenters: Beth Hickey and Alexandra Roman Grades: K-8
1/15 @ 7:00pm ET	Build Anti-Racist Practices Outside of School: Ways to Read and Talk about Identities, Differences, and Justice with Children Presenter: Kristi Guinness & Kat Schechter Grades: PreK-8
2/5 @ 2:00pm ET	Effective Strategies to Support Grammar and Spelling Development at Home Presenters: Kim Brooks and Nancy Brennan Grades: K-8



2/14 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: Recently Published Narrative Nonfiction Books Presenter: Amanda Hartman & Kristin Smith Grades: PreK-5
2/14 @ 8:00am ET	Zumbido de libros: ¿Quieres conocer algunos libros excelentes de no ficción? Presentación: Alexandra Roman Grados K-8
3/5 @ 7:00pm ET	Fall in Love with Language: Tips and Strategies to Develop a Consciousness and Love of Words with Children of All Ages Presenters: Kristin Smith and Kristi Guinness Grades: PreK-8
3/17 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: New and Powerful Middle Grade and Young Adult Nonfiction Books to Read and Share Presenter: Coley Conter Grades: 4 and up
3/17 @ 2:00pm ET	What is Knowledge Building? How Can I Support My Child in Reading Nonfiction at Home? Presenters: Kristin Smith Grades: K-8
4/2 @ 7:00pm ET	From Gratitude to Social Change: Support Children in Raising their Voices and Using their Writing to Make an Impact in Their Communities Presenters: Amanda Hartman and Heather Burns Grades: K-8
4/3 @ 7:00pm ET	Read the World: Help Students Navigate All Kinds of Texts (Maps, Articles, Videos, Infographics, Cartoons, and more) Presenter: Coley Conter Grades: 2 - 9
4/7 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: Wonderful New Poems and Anthologies to Share with Young People Presenters: Nancy Brennan and Alexandra Roman Grades: PreK-5



5/14 @ 7:00pm ET	Gearing Up for Summer Reading and Writing: Advice to Keep Kids Reading, Writing, and Thinking All Summer (in Fun Ways)! Presenter: Beth Hickey Grades: PreK-8
5/14 @ 7:00pm ET	¿Cuáles son algunas ideas prácticas que pueden apoyar la lectura y la escritura de verano: qué puedes hacer para fomentar la alfabetización de tu hijo/a durante el verano? Presentación: Alexandra Roman Grados: K-5
5/28 @ 2:00pm ET	Ways to Help Children Find Real World Purposes for Writing: Finding Ideas, Projects, and Purposes to Put Their Ideas, Beliefs and Imagination Out in the World to Make a Difference Presenters: Amanda Hartman and Emily Butler Smith Grades: K-8
5/29 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes: Come Hear about Great New Books that Celebrate Language and Culture Presenters: Amanda Hartman and Heather Burns Grades: All Ages
5/29 @ 8:00am ET	Zumbido de libros: Van a conocer algunos libros ilustrados que celebran distintas culturas y el valor de contar nuestras historias oralmente Presentación: Alexandra Roman Grados K-5
6/11 @ 7:00pm ET	Rev Up Children's Summer with Activities, Reading Challenges, Visits to Museums and Libraries, and Other Bookish Events Presenter: Beth Hickey and Heather Burns Grades: K-8
6/18 @ 8:00am ET	Book Buzzes for the Summer Reading: What's New in Picture Books, Chapter Books and Young Adult Literature Presenter: Amanda Hartman Grades: All Ages

