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Low level of public engagement

Mid level of public engagement

High level of public engagement

bangthetable.com/what-is-community-engagement/
Engaged parents are challenged to do something about what they feel is important to them.

--Larry Ferlazzo
Encouraging parent engagement at home

Engagement #1:
Songs and Rhymes that Build Readers

Children get ready to read long before they start Kindergarten. You can help by singing, talking, and playing with the children in your care. Watch our videos to learn fun songs and rhymes, and how they help build readers!

Other Current Favorites

RHYMES
Yo tengo una casita

SONGS
Mi burrito enfermo

SONGS
Pomme de Reinette

SONGS
Ngôi Sao Bé Tí

SONGS
Wheels on the Bus

Virginia Vassar
Encourage parent engagement throughout your library...
...and in your programs.
parents spent more time reading with or to their children during the summer reading program
Engagement #2: Engaging parents as advocates, facilitators, mentors, and leaders.
Engagement #3:

Engaging parents as library planners, implementers, & leaders
PARENT ADVISORY GROUP
If we want to teach parents, we must first listen to what they have to teach us.

--Catherine Compton-Lilly
Principles

- Value
- Trust
- Build relationships
- Respect
- Recognize expertise
- Be inclusive

Actions

- Provide true leadership opportunities
- Incorporate parents into library teams
- Make parents integral to planning
- Be flexible
- Communicate clearly & often
- Offer alternatives