





Welcome to the

KIDZONES





Early Childhood Learning Environments Where Play, Reading, and Learning Connect



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Norfolk Public Library has created KidZones in every library location to help children get ready to read and to assist parents in becoming their child's first and best teacher!



KidZones are interactive spaces where parents can engage with their children

in uninterrupted play and bond with their child. They are a destination outside the home where children can interact with others, and learn valuable skills through play. The KidZones also provide a platform for parents to connect with other adults and receive invaluable early literacy information.

While at the KidZone, explore the collection of children and juvenile books that are available. Visit the library weekly to check out new books and help create strong reading habits at home.





Our flagship KidZone is located at the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library.

Over 11,000 square feet in the library is dedicated to children. There is a special area called the Playscape for children ages 0-3, and a Creative Cove Corner for toddlers ages 3-6. The PlayScape and Creative Cove Corner are each filled with developmentally appropriate play equipment. A large collection of children and juvenile books are available, and while visiting, take advantage of the free entertaining and educational programs happening at the library for families!

The Power of Play

Playing with your child is not only fun, it's one of the most important ways you can nurture your child's development. In the KidZone you will find toys and play equipment that encourages playful discovery, stimulates early literacy development and enhances learning. Come out and Play at the Library!

What will you find in a KidZone?



Toys that develop problem solving skills

Puzzles, musical instruments, shape and color sorters, magnetic numbers and counting games.

Toys that increase imagination and language skills

Realistic dolls & accessories, play household equipment, stuffed animals and dollhouses.

Toys that develop fine and gross motor skills

Beads & lacing toys, push-pull toys, train table, and sound tubes.

Toys that increase alphabetic knowledge, vocabulary and verbal skills

Magnetic letters, alphabet blocks, crayons, word games and books.





Books, Books and More Books!

Board Books, Concept Books, Picture Books, Easy Reader/ Beginner Books, Series Books and Books in Spanish.

Early Literacy Information

Resource materials for parents and caregivers.

Early Literacy Skills

There are six early literacy skills that every child needs to have to be ready to learn by the age of five.

- Narrative Skills
- Vocabulary
- Letter Knowledge
- Print Motivation
- Print Awareness
- Phonological Awareness



Visit a KidZone near you soon!

It's FREE, SAFE & FUN!

Ask us about our dynamic Early Literacy Programs!

- Babygarten
- 1-2-3 Grow With Me
- Ready to Read
- Reading Rockets
- Motheread
- Preschool & Toddler Storytimes

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Barron F. Black Branch Library

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Blyden Branch Library

879 E. Princess Anne Road Norfolk, VA 23504 (757) 441-2852

Horace C. Downing Branch Library

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Janaf Branch Library

124 Janaf Shopping Center Norfolk, VA 23502 (757) 441-5660

Jordan-Newby Branch Library

961 Park Avenue Norfolk, VA 23504 (757) 441-2843

Lafayette Branch Library

1610 Cromwell Drive Norfolk, VA 23509 (757) 441-2842

Larchmont Branch Library

6525 Hampton Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23508 (757) 441-5335

Little Creek Branch Library

7853 Tarpon Place Norfolk, VA 23518 (757) 441-1751

Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library

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Park Place Branch Library

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Van Wyck Branch Library

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Bookmobile

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Norfolk is a Family Place Library—the first one in Virginia! Family Place Libraries are centers for early childhood information, parent education, early literacy, socialization and family support. The Family Place Initiative is coordinated by the Middle Country Public Library in New York.

