



Bringing Books to Life...

- Equips teachers with strategies and tools to implement developmentally appropriate practices in the classroom.
- Uses books, crafts, and puppets to introduce children to literature and library resources.
- Makes reading relevant to children's everyday lives, laying the groundwork for future school success.
- Gives teachers, caregivers, and families the tools they need to foster reading readiness.
- Strives to be an ongoing resource for preschool teachers, children, and families.



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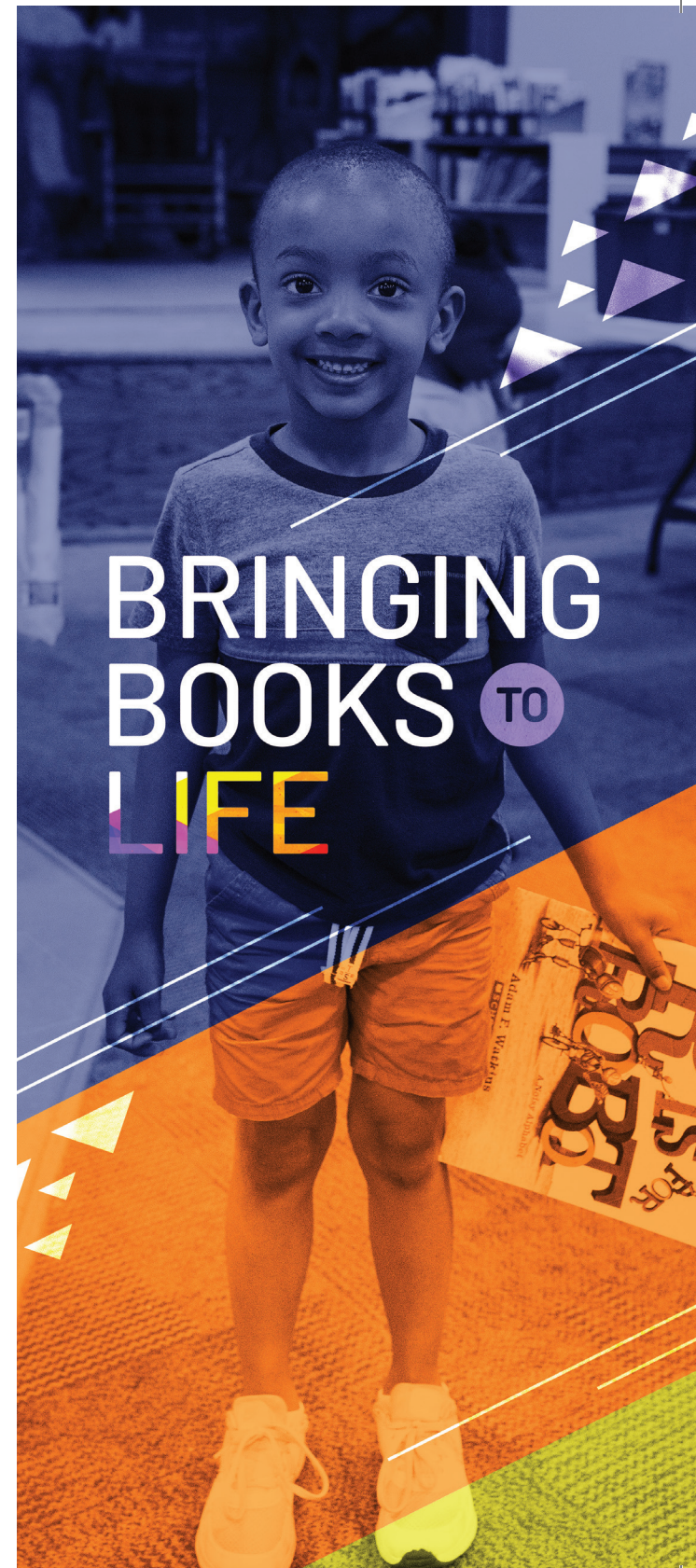
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What is Bringing Books to Life?

Bringing Books to Life! (BBTL) is a free early literacy outreach program created by Nashville Public Library (NPL) together with educators. Developed around the literature-based marionette shows created by NPL's Wishing Chair Productions, BBTL promotes children's reading readiness by incorporating tools and activities for teachers, young children, and their families.

Who may participate in the program?

Any educational program in Davidson County serving young children and their families may participate. Preschools, day care centers, and pre-kindergarten programs are eligible to become BBTL partner sites. Teachers at participating sites may be eligible to receive professional development hours.

Who should I contact?

For more information, please call (615) 880-1625 or email bringingbookstolife@nashville.gov.

Program Components

For Teachers

BBTL in-service trainings (2): In order to become a BBTL partner site, staff must complete two 90-minute in-service trainings. These interactive workshops include: an introduction to BBTL's featured puppet show, a study of whole-child learning theories, read-aloud techniques, and ideas on incorporating literature into all classroom disciplines.

Ongoing professional development: BBTL provides a wide variety of interactive trainings on literacy-related topics. Please contact us for current offerings.



For Children

Story time: At new and existing partner sites, BBTL staff provide a fun-filled story time in the classroom. Children receive the benefit of a rollicking read-aloud with music and movement while teachers see read-aloud techniques in action.

Puppet Truck: Wishing Chair Productions performing artists present the featured puppet show at your location, bringing the story to life for both teachers and children.

For Families

Loving & Learning Family Literacy Workshops: These workshops – on a variety of topics – support parents/caregivers and help them encourage early literacy skills in the home. Each family receives a book and Family Literacy Kit. We work closely with your program to determine a time and place convenient for families.

Family Literacy Celebration: In a program especially for new partner sites, families and teachers are invited to a branch library for a celebratory dinner and story time hosted by BBTL staff. Each family receives a book for their home library and information on the importance of reading aloud to children.

