

# City of Fort Worth Literacy & Reading Support in Action

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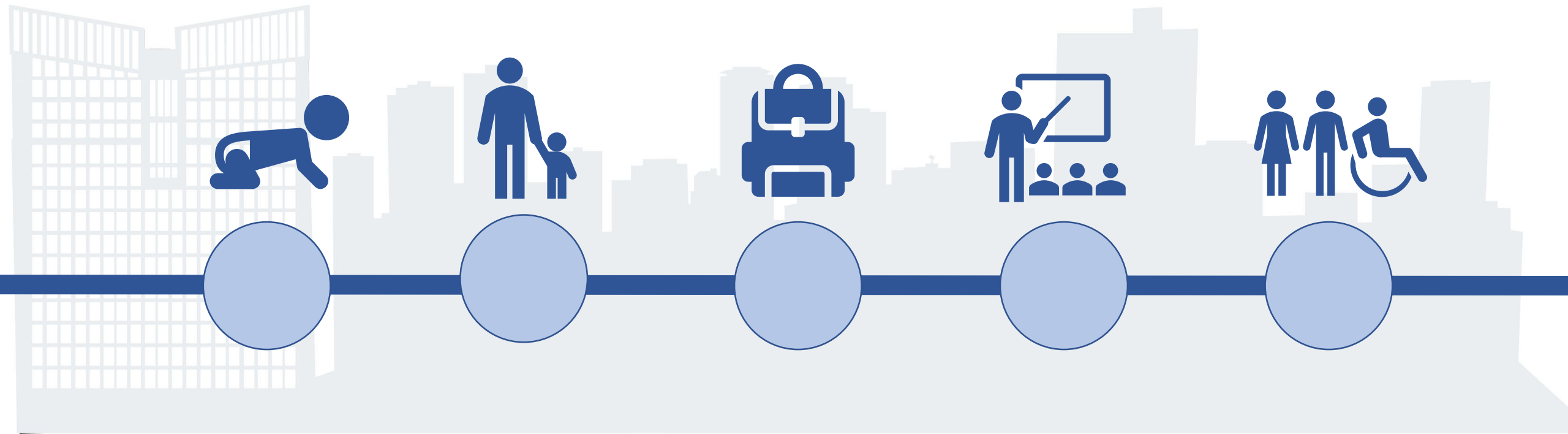
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# Commitment to Lifelong Reading Support

*Enhancing Quality of Life*





# Early Childhood Literacy Efforts

Library programs based on **Every Child Ready to Read:**

- Thousands of free story times annually
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Music and Movement
- Little Builders & Toddler Towers



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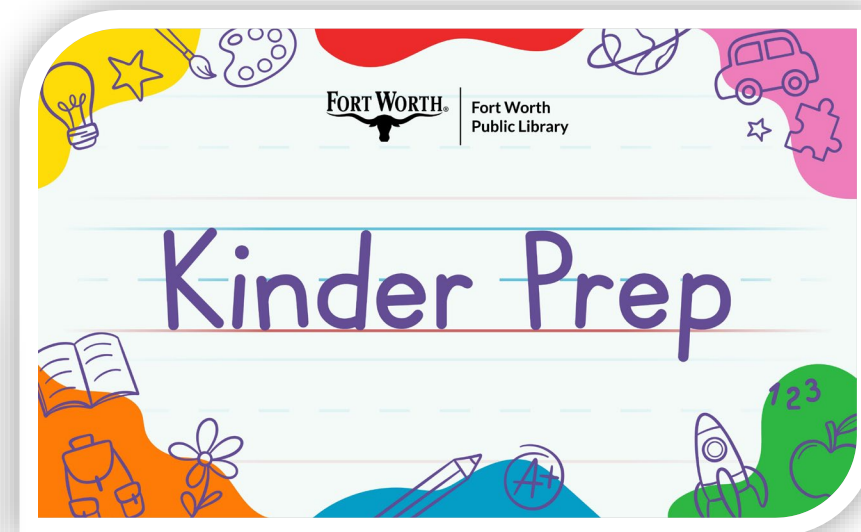
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# Pre-school and Family-based initiatives

Additional library initiatives:

- Kinder Prep
- Story Bites programs
- Book-related events
- Specialized Reading Kits





# PARD and Rev Partnership

- Piloted in 2018 – offered at community centers during Summer Day Camp
- Assisted with developing roles of Literacy Support Specialist (LSS)
- Provides training and resources to staff
- Collaboration meetings with vested stakeholders
- Access to research-based software used to accelerate reading
- Reading A–Z (assessments)
- Lexia Core 5 (formal curriculum)
- Expanded to the Afterschool Program





# Reading Success

Program objective is to prevent summer slide, maintain or improve reading levels of participants.

Year	Participants assessed	Growing Rate	Maintaining Rate	Total maintained or grew
2021	382	61%	39%	100%
2022	DATA NOT AVAILABLE			
2023	195	51%	47%	98%
2024	455	67%	30%	97%

*Results of the last 3 years' camp assessments (pre-test vs post-test)*





# Collaboration points with PARD and Library

- Summer Reading Program
  - Library field trips
  - Toddler Time
  - Library e-card option with camp registration
- Leverage partnerships with community organizations that support reading during out-of-school time
- Provides book giveaways
- Infused leisure reading during summer and after-school programs.
- Literacy Days at Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge and Log Cabin Village
- Story Times in the Park





# New Partnership Pilot



- Pilot program to be launched 2025
- Staff and volunteers trained to administer DIBELS screening
- Screenings will be held at select Libraries and camp locations
- Assessments used to identify youth who may struggle with reading
- Connect families with resources to improve literacy outcomes

*A partnership between PARD, Library & Sid W. Richardson Foundation*





# Reading Resources

- 1.5 million physical and digital books for all reading levels and interests are available in multiple languages
- Library Cards
  - Every child in Texas
  - Educators
- Incentivized reading challenges
- After-school with homework assistance and literacy conscious programming at 21 community centers.
- Book clubs
  - Teens
  - Adults
  - Special needs



# Literacy Resolution

