



## Literacy-in-a-Box

**Literacy-in-a-Box was developed to help educators promote family literacy in fun, engaging, and effective ways.**

You can obtain the Calgary Reads Literacy-in-a-Box kit by contacting us. It's available to you free of charge.

Inside the box you will find everything you need to implement four family literacy events that typically run between 1.5 and 2 hours. Most often teachers hold these events in the evening. You receive some hard copy information in the kit and everything on USB stick drive.

**The four modules are:**

- Explorer Family Literacy Event
- Mystery Family Literacy Event
- Hope Family Literacy Event
- Pass the Poems and the Pizza Please!

**The planning and implementation materials you receive for each module vary on the nature of the event and include:**

- Event planning guide
- Invitation template
- Specific planning tools for the distinct event
- Handouts and materials as needed
- Facilitator guide
- Book lists, other specific tools etc.

### **Why Literacy-in-a-Box was created**

*Literacy skills are critical to all aspects of our lives, including health, employment, and social functioning – and the research suggests that one of the best ways to support the development of these skills is through family literacy approaches (Padak & Rasinski, 2003; Schwartz, 1999).*

*Schools are a key partner in this work, but how many busy educators have time to plan quality programs and events? That's where Literacy-in-a-Box comes in. This resource is designed to help educators integrate family literacy approaches in easy and effective ways!*

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