

Media Advisory – Sept. 15, 2008

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Early childhood learning fairs scheduled for Sept. 20

Snohomish County's Human Services Department and its Children's Commission will help host early childhood learning fairs at local libraries on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Early Learning Resources Open Houses will be held at more than 20 libraries throughout Snohomish and Island Counties in partnership with Sno-Isle Libraries and the Everett Public Library. The fairs will offer hands-on activities and giveaways for children, demonstrations of library resources for early learning, information about six essential pre-reading skills and other community resources related to early learning.

The open houses were organized by the Foundation for Early Learning, which has partnered with local governments, libraries and other community organizations across the state to reach out to families and encourage early learning. The years between birth-through-five are critically important in helping children learn and grow.

Admission to the fairs is free, and at most locations, preschoolers will receive a free cloth book bag to decorate with fabric crayons. The Early Learning Resources Open Houses will help parents, caregivers and interested residents learn about the many tools, books and activities available, many times at little or no cost.

All events are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, but times vary.

- Arlington Library: Noon–5 p.m., at the Arlington Fall Community Days, Olympic Avenue
- Brier Library: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Camano Island Library Pilot Project: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Clinton Library: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Coupeville Library: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Edmonds Library: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Everett Main Library: 2-3 p.m.
- Everett Evergreen Branch: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Freeland Library: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Granite Falls Library: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Lake Stevens Library: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Langley Library: 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Lynnwood Library: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Marysville Library: 10 a.m.–Noon

- Mill Creek Library: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Monroe Library: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Mountlake Terrace Library: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Mukilteo Library: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Oak Harbor Library: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Snohomish Library: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sno-Isle Libraries Bookmobile: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at the Mariner Area/Albertson's Grocery Bookmobile Stop, 520 - 128th St. SW, Everett
- Stanwood Library: 2 p.m.–4 p.m.
- Sultan Library: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

For individual library address information and regular hours, go to www.sno-isle.org and www.epls.org.

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