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Opening Doors to Early Literacy for Infants

The [San Juan Island Library](#) recently added a Sunday afternoon program called "Man in the Moon" for fathers, male caregivers and their infants to participate in one-on-one developmentally appropriate activities.



The thirty-minute program includes interactive songs, dance, body movement, book-reading, yoga, and sign language.

Jim Thomas, program leader, Assistant Director and Youth Services Librarian, has over 25 years of experience in providing programs for young children.

For more information about the program, please visit: <http://www.itsybitsybabies.pbwiki.com>

Live Green - a Children's Art Show

[Inland Northwest Alliance for Early Learning](#), a community coalition supported by the [Foundation for Early Learning](#), recently organized Live Green, a children's art show that runs from April 3 through April 27th. [Kathy Thamm](#) proudly shares this success:



Two family child care homes and four centers were asked to submit artwork by their children that reflected a theme of sustainability, nature, love of the environment.

Some of the pieces were made from recycled materials; others showed how the children in their child care setting are making our community more sustainable. A



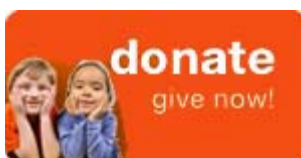
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wonderful assortment of creative art was submitted by them.

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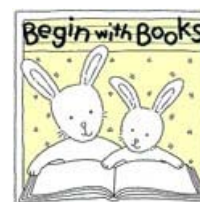
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Reading Kits: Begin With Books

The [Seattle Public Library](#) offers young children (and their adults), toddler, preschool, and bilingual family literacy kits to borrow. Each kit includes five children's books, a music CD, an adult resource book, and an activity card with additional book suggestions.



Kits are located at the central library and can be sent to any of Seattle Public Library's branch libraries.

To learn more about the [Begin With Books](#) program, please visit www.spl.org.

Taproot Foundation Grants

The Taproot Foundation is a nonprofit foundation that specializes in providing capacity-building service grants to nonprofits in the Puget Sound area. The Taproot Foundation engages teams of business professionals in pro bono marketing, information technology and strategy management projects, each of which is valued at between \$45,000 and \$70,000.

To learn more or to apply, please visit www.taprootfoundation.org/npo

If you need any additional information, please contact Seattle Program Manager April Kelley by phone at 206.382.7851 or by email at april@taprootfoundation.org.

Piggy Banks: Invest & Saving



As part of our [2009 Leadership Luncheon](#) theme *Invest in Early Learning*, and in collaboration with [Moonjar](#), the [Foundation for Early Learning](#) is donating piggy banks,



Moonjar moneyboxes, and a lesson plan on money and saving to 19 childcare centers across Washington State. These piggy banks were featured at our annual luncheon as table centerpieces.

As part of these gifts, [Moonjar](#) is donating 300 personal moneyboxes and lesson plans to create an enriching experience for the young learners.

Not only is it important for communities to invest in children, it is important to teach children about money and saving - a valuable life skill.

To learn more about Moonjar, please visit www.moonjar.com

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