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August 2009

2009 Early Learning Community Fair

Join a local event beginning 8/8!

Beginning August 8, 2009, partners from across Washington State will celebrate early learning at over 190 locations. This statewide celebration of early learning includes libraries, businesses and schools hosting local events to connect with parents and caregivers. Find out what is happening in your community by visiting the [event map](#). This listing will continue to grow as additional events are announced.



See a complete list of [partners organizations](#).

Each community created their own way to celebrate the learning of children birth through five. In [Wenatchee](#), community members are featuring Play & Learn groups, Community Cafes, and local library activities at the annual Taste of Harvest Festival. In [Skagit County](#), early learning coalition members are hosting a month long Getting School Ready!® campaign that highlights what parents and caregivers can do to help prepare children for kindergarten. Foundation for Early Learning, Seattle Public Libraries and Casey Family Programs are hosting fair events at more than [30 locations](#) in Seattle.

To learn how you can participate, or promote this event in your community, contact Sarah Borgita, Program Officer at sarah@earlylearning.org.

2009 Early Learning Community Fair Map



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What's the Big Idea

Guest article

The Foundation is delighted to feature a guest article from Martha Shinnars with the Washington State Library, a member of the [Early Learning Public Library Partnership](#). If you are interested in being featured in a future issue, please contact Communications Manager Joel Ballezza at joel@earlylearning.org.

What's the Big Idea? Making Math and Science Come Alive for Children and Families is a program that establishes the public library as a location in which standards-based science and mathematics learning can take place. Washington State is soon to be inundated with training manuals and resource collections due to a serendipitous opportunity to use federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



In last month's article, Judy Nelson shared her experience at the Conference on Early Learning and a presentation on engaging young children's mathematical thinking.

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Federal Funding Vote

A message from our partners at [Children's Alliance](#)

This week the full U.S. House of Representatives is planning to vote on the new [Early Learning Challenge Fund](#). If adopted, the fund would provide **\$8 billion** over 8 years through competitive grants among states like Washington to improve quality and access to early learning programs.

This is an opportunity our kids can't afford to miss. Tell your federal legislators to [VOTE YES on HR 3221](#) to support investments in young children now.

To learn more visit www.childrensalliance.org.

Statewide Subsidy Survey

Share your feedback

The Early Learning Action Alliance (ELAA) is conducting a [survey](#) to gather information on the Washington State subsidy system for child care providers. If you are a provider, please complete this [brief survey](#). Your feedback will be used by ELAA in planning the 2009 goals.

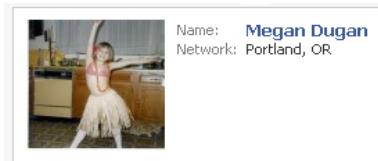
[Take the Survey](#)

Thank you for this valuable feedback.

Contest Winner: Megan Dugan

Winner Announced July 20th for Facebook Contest!

Congratulations to Megan Dugan from Fort Vancouver Regional Library for winning the Foundation's Facebook and Twitter Contest Fan contest!



Megan received a [Newborn Baby Gift Package](#). Thank you to all who participated in this [event](#)!



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Early Learning Community Featured in the News

Social networking site Ning highlights early learning

The popular social network platform [Ning](#) recently featured the Early Learning Community on the site's blog. The article not only describes the valuable resources on the ELC, but also provides a nod to the value of early learning.



You can read the full blog post by [clicking here](#).

Create an Account Today

Haven't joined the Early Learning Community yet? Discover news, events and information. Create a free account today at www.EarlyLearningCommunity.org and connect with other community members passionate about early learning.

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