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### June 2009

## Reading? My Child Isn't Interested

### Guest article

The Foundation is delighted to feature a guest article post from Doreen Turpen from [Fort Vancouver Regional Library District](#), a member of the [Early Learning Public Library Partnership](#). If you are interested in being featured in a future issue, please contact [joel@earlylearning.org](mailto:joel@earlylearning.org).



Positive experiences with reading and books help young children develop the ability to learn to read. This simple statement is supported by research and it sounds like it should be easy to create those positive experiences. But what do you do when a young child resists books and stories?

Our first grandchild was a poster child for reading to babies. He was entranced with the sounds of reading within the first few weeks of life. He loved having his mother read to him and she expected that her second child would naturally love reading too.

But Annika took a different path. She just wasn't interested in being read to and pushed the books away. Her mother was disappointed and perplexed. She continued to provide opportunities for stories when she nursed and at naptime and bedtime and she kept books next to the toys so they would always be available. Still, her little one was lukewarm to the experience.

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## A Message from Mona Locke

### Lunch in a Box with the Lockes

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for hosting such a wonderful send-off and for being a part of



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[Lunch in a Box with the Lockes](#). I was thrilled to see so many friends and colleagues before our family moves to Washington, D.C.

It was also an honor to have an author lecture series named on our behalf. I leave Washington State proud that the Foundation for Early Learning has made its mark.

Not only has the Foundation provided financial support to all 39 counties, but it continues to look for ways to spread the message about the importance of early learning to parents, caregivers and everyone involved with young children!

I look forward to watching Washington grow its support of early learning. Thank you for your commitment to children, their families and caregivers.

Best regards,

Mona Locke, Founder & Board Member  
Foundation for Early Learning



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## Early Learning Survey Results

**Thank you for your feedback & suggestions!**

The Foundation received over 700 responses to the [2009 Foundation for Early Learning Survey](#). Stakeholders from as far away as Minnesota, Kansas, and Florida contributed feedback that will be used in the Foundation's 2009-2010 planning.

One survey respondent was randomly selected to receive a \$25 gift card to Starbucks. Congratulations to **Rosemary Totten, Tacoma, WA!**

Thank you your suggestions, feedback and ideas. If you did not have an opportunity to complete this survey, please [click here](#) to do so.

We also invite you to contact the Foundation's staff with your ideas.

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## Boyer Children's Clinic Executive Director

### A sad note to share

Judith Moore was a champion for children and served the [Boyer Children's Clinic](#) for 32 years, including 30 years as the Executive Director. It is with sadness that we share that Judith Moore passed away on May 26, 2009, following a bicycle accident. Foundation for Early Learning sends our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Judith Moore.

To learn more about Judith's work, please visit <http://www.boyercc.org>.

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