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KIT & KID-OODLES OF BOOKS

A New Childhood Literacy Outreach Program Announced By the Tualatin Public Library

TUALATIN, OR (January 21, 2012): The educational research is clear: Children who learn early literacy skills between ages 0-5 are better prepared for reading success in school. With that understanding, the Tualatin Public Library recently launched an early literacy outreach program: **KIT & KID-OODLES OF BOOKS**.

The new program is specifically designed to bring books and story activities to local Tualatin area childcare providers. Each kit contains an assortment of picture and board books for babies, toddlers and preschool aged children. Along with the books, the kit provides instruction and sample songs, finger plays, and other activities enabling the childcare provider to create their own special story times. Through reading and interactive play, the children are introduced to concepts such as numbers, letters, colors and shapes, while also building vocabulary and memory skills.

According to Jaime Thoreson, Tualatin Children's Librarian, "Our goal for **KIT & KID-OODLES OF BOOKS** is to raise a city of readers. The program is designed to be hands-on, fun and relevant for all ages from babies to preschoolers. By reaching out to local childcare providers, and offering additional learning opportunities, we are making an even greater impact on our youngest community members."

KIT & KID-OODLES OF BOOKS is free to the childcare providers in the Tualatin area. There are 15 kits, and each one can be checked out from the library for a month. A professional Tualatin librarian will provide on-site training for the childcare provider to help get them started. Bilingual kits in English and Spanish are also available.

The Tualatin Public Library was awarded federal funding to create **KIT & KID-OODLES OF BOOKS** through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant administered by the Oregon State Library. Open 65 hours a week, the library is one of 15 libraries in the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) network. The Library's mission is to provide access to a wide range of materials, programs, and services to meet the needs of the Tualatin community.



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