



Community Asset Mapping Project Update

Upcoming Sessions

Only 3 communities left for Asset Mapping sessions, plus a handful where we'd like to gather more data in a second session.

Depoe Bay: TBD Mill City #2: 7/16
Halsey: TBD Scio #2: TBD
Toledo: TBD Waldport #2: TBD

Community Reports

New and updated Community Asset Mapping Reports are available on our websites. They can be downloaded from the Pollywog website under Special Projects and on the Early Learning Hub's "Our Region" section.

SHIP Survey Update

Round 2 survey information is here and we're making plans to take it to our communities. This survey asks about specific activities to address priorities. All are welcome to participate!

English: <https://tinyurl.com/EnglishSHIP>

Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/SpanishSHIP>



English



Spanish





Parent Newsletter July 2025



This issue includes:

- Ready for a Day Trip?
- Fresh Air Fun: State, County & City Parks
- Critter Spotting: Watch Wildlife with Your Kids
- A Splash of Learning: Visit a Hatchery
- Beyond Books: What the Library Offers
- Explore & Imagine: Museum Adventures

RECIPROCAL ADMISSION PROGRAM

VALID UP TO FOUR GUESTS.
OFFER APPLIES TO ALL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS.
PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP AND PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
 Oregon Zoo Together for Wildlife	 Columbia River Maritime Museum 125 Years OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ESTABLISHED 1892	 Cannon Beach HISTORY CENTER "AND MUSEUM"
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
 Hallie Ford Museum of Art	 ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE CENTER heritagecenter.org	 OREGON JAPANESE MUSEUM and CENTER for HOLOCAUST EDUCATION LAN U 蘭蘇園 CHINESE GARDEN
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
 The Museum At Warm Springs	 BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Discover what's inside.	 RICE MUSEUM OF ROCKS & MINERALS
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
 EVERGREEN AVIATION & SPACE MUSEUM	 OREGON COAST AQUARIUM WORLD FORESTRY CENTER	 CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

We know you're always looking for fun, affordable ways to keep your child learning, growing, and playing. This month's newsletter is packed with local gems right here in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties, places where young children can stretch their legs, spark their curiosity, and make joyful memories with you.





Upcoming Newsletter Topics

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Potty Time!
Tips for Potty Training

August 2025

Summer and Fall Topic Ideas

- Financial Literacy for Families
- Hearing & Vision Screenings
- Healthy Relationships
- Taking Care of Your Child's Teeth
- 2025 Holiday Resource Guide
- 2025 Winter Activity Guide

Partner suggestions are welcome!



The Early Learning Hub used the one-time Birth-to-Five Literacy Fund to host a Home Visitor Book Fair on **June 5 & June 6** at Linn-Benton Community College.

We invited Jennifer Butler-Brown, a bookseller specializing in diverse books for kids and educators. She brought down a huge inventory of books, curated to help our home visitors find the tools they need to help every child find acceptance, enrichment, and joy in reading.

We reached out to Home Visitor Supervisors for lists of interested staff. **9 community partners** sent over **105 home visitors** from across our region to the book fair. While in-person shopping was prioritized, arrangements were made for online browsing, proxy pick ups and even direct ordering with the vendor.

Each Home Visitor was given a book voucher worth \$300! Then the vendor surprised us by offering an **additional 20% educator discount plus free shipping** for those who were not able to pick up their books in person.



Jennifer Butler-Brown, Book Seller

The Main Book room contained:

- 14 tables of books
- 1 bookcase of books

Covering a variety of topics for a wide age range, including: social/emotional, divorce, race, immigrants, incarcerated parents, indigenous cultures, STEAM and more!



The Diverse Languages Book room contained:

- 6 tables of books in Spanish
- 1 table of books in Arabic
- 1 table of books in Chinese
- 1 table of books in various languages including:
Sign Language, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, and more!



Home Visitors shopping the
Diverse Languages Book room





After the Book Fair, we surveyed participants about their experience and asked for feedback.

What did you most enjoy about the book fair?

The amazing selection of books, loved the bilingual selection!



The quality & selection of books, especially the mental health topics!



Home Visitor shopping

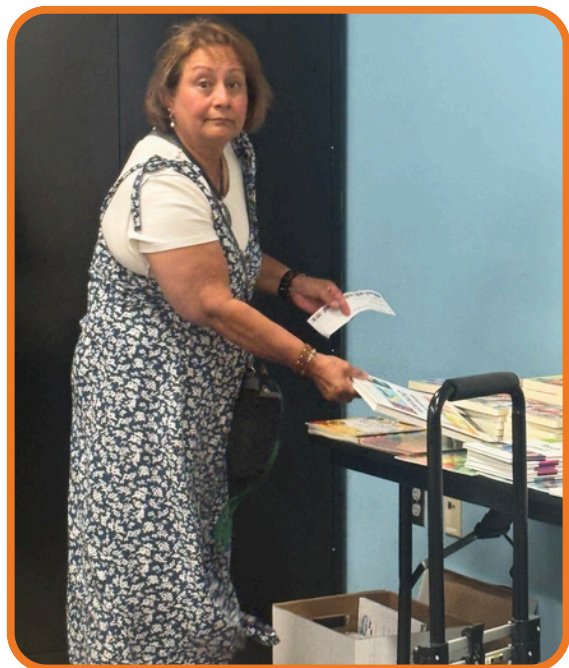
The availability to such a huge variety of books and the opportunity to pick which books we thought would best serve our families.

Seeing all the choices and being able to pick at my own pace.

Additional Feedback and Comments

This is a priceless gift that was shared with us as visitors.

The lady checking us out in the English room [Jennifer, bookseller] was amazing. Super helpful and nice.



Home Visitor shopping

Thank you very much for making this available to all of us. I feel very lucky to have had this opportunity to shop and focus on getting materials that I believe will be most helpful for our community.

Thank you for promoting early literacy.

I loved the selection of books on difficult topics, like immigration, separation and divorce, grief, big feelings etc.

