

Ideas for family literacy or early childhood programs

There are lots of ways family literacy programs or early childhood programs can celebrate Indigenous Languages Month.

- **Make books** – Invite families to come and make homemade books. Families can make their own books about their family. Books are easy to make and lots of fun.
- **Read stories** – Ask someone who speaks the language to read a story in the Indigenous language of the community.
- **Play games** – Have a games night with all the games in the Indigenous language.
- **Do crafts** – Have a traditional crafts night (like sewing or tool making). Help children to learn words for the different things they are making or using.
- **Cook and eat** – Have a stew and bannock lunch or supper, with Indigenous games.
- **Invite Elders** – Invite Elders to come to your program. Let them tell stories and talk to the participants. Stories are a great way of teaching and learning. They help children (and adults) with memory skills, oral communication and imagination.



Celebrate Indigenous Languages Month

- **Use puppets** – Take an Indigenous language story like *How the Bear Lost His Tail* and make a puppet play with it.
- **Have fun** – Make learning the language fun!
- **Learn culture** – Include traditional activities that are practised in your community like drum dancing, singing, storytelling, etc.
- **Go for a walk** – Go for a walk in your community. Look for signs and other things in the language. Learn new words as you go.
- **Art** – Have an art night. Pictures tell stories.

