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County Library Commends Preschoolers' KRA Performance

Largo, MD – The Prince George's County Memorial Library System congratulates Prince George's County preschoolers on their performance on the [2015-2016 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment \(KRA\)](#) conducted by the Maryland State Department of Education (MDSE). "Prince George's County Public School kindergarten readiness scores improved by 4 percent, despite overall statewide declines," explained Michelle H. Hamiel, the Library's Chief Operating Officer for Public Services.

Language and literacy, mathematics, social foundations and physical development skills / behaviors that should have been learned prior to entering kindergarten are measured by the KRA. According to the 2015-2016 KRA report, predominant prior care in Prince George's County was Prekindergarten, followed by Home / Informal Care and Child Care. The Library offers programming and resources to benefit all three groups.

In 2016, one of the Library's key initiatives has been early literacy. The library has supported the kindergarten readiness efforts by the opening of 10 Ready 2 Read centers, the circulation of 150 Ready 2 Read Backpacks, and storytimes staffed by those fully trained in Every Child Ready to Read 2 (ECRR2) practices. Pamela Hamlin, our Family Literacy Specialist, trains caregivers and daycare providers in ECRR2 practices by hosting Library Cafés.

About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Early literacy and skills development Library resources include: Ready 2 Read Centers, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Lynda.com and Brainfuse's JobNow. Enjoy STEM activities such as STEM-tastics, STEM for Families, Crazy 8s Math Clubs, Minecraft, 3D printing, Makerspaces, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab and more. Other educational and fun digital offerings are: OverDrive, Inc., FastPencil, hoopla digital, Freegal and Zinio. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Storytimes, Read to Rover, Meet the Author, Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Chess Clubs, MAC: Manga and Anime Clubs are just a few of our many free library events. For additional information, please visit our website at www.pgcmls.info.

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