

The West Linn Public Library values Clackamas County Early Learning Hub as a true community partner. The Library widely advertises Hub programming to our patrons, knowing that each program will have lasting, personal value. The Early Learning Hub has been especially crucial during a time when our building has been closed, reliably providing much needed programming and resources.

Before COVID building closures, their 10-week Incredible Infants series at the Library was our most popular partnership; the program brings families to the Library for relevant, vibrant programming—and lays the groundwork to experience the Library as a welcoming place where they and their children can build lifelong skills. We were so pleased to see that the Hub continued to offer that and other valuable parenting workshops online this past year. Their programs plant the seeds for lasting connections and friendships, as we happily observe when families return to the Library (pre-COVID closures) for storytime, programs, or playdates. And on a personal level, they have all been lovely to work with, naturally building personal connections with both library staff and the greater community.

Other events, including Get Prepped for Preschool, Make a Splash (free rain boots) have also been eagerly sought out in our community. Just this February, LINCC librarians participated in the Virtual Get Prepped for Preschool event, giving out free books and sharing a song and story over Zoom with many joyful young ones.

We at the West Linn Public Library appreciate our ongoing partnership with Clackamas Parenting Together, and will continue to promote and facilitate their beneficial programs to our community.

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