

Hi! This is Connie Walker from the Moniteau County Library

Moniteau County Library will be closed on Monday, February 20th, in observance of President's day.

I came across an article from NPR written by Lynn Neary titled: Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play: How Libraries Reach Kids Before They Can Read. The author said there is no one answer to the problem of illiteracy, but early childhood intervention is key.

Literacy begins at home-there are a number of simple things parents can do with their young children to help them get ready to read. "Talk, sing, read, write, and play. That is doable for every parent no matter how busy you are. You can fit in these practices in little bits of time with your children throughout the day.

Research shows that children who have heard many words are likely to understand more words. They're also likely to learn basic phonics or decoding skills. So those children are on a trajectory of success. Those children who are not are slowing down, may hate reading, and as a result get slower and slower over time.

Parents can't do it all alone, and that's where community services, especially libraries, come in. Preschool story times and summer reading programming are some ways the library is encouraging parents to engage in five basic practices that lay the groundwork for literacy.

Stop and shop the Winter Books Sale going on now!

This is Connie Walker from the Moniteau County Library Join me every Friday afternoon @ 3:45 and on Saturday mornings, right here on KRLL 1420 a.m. to hear about the services and activities taking place at your library.