

# The story starts here...

Chace Children's Discovery Library activities and environments focus on these key learning areas:

- Print Motivation/Print Awareness
- Phonological Awareness
- Vocabulary
- Narrative, i.e. storytelling skills
- Letter/Alphabet Knowledge
- Rhyming/Music
- The World of Books & Reading



Laying the foundation  
for learning and reading.

## Early Literacy Learning Center at Providence Public Library

The Library's Early Literacy Learning services and programs support the foundation of pre-reading and language enrichment skills so crucial to the young child's cognitive and social development.

Our professional librarians and early childhood educators work with parents, educators and caregivers throughout the state to provide the collections, resources and support they need to assist these young minds in being ready to read, and most importantly, in beginning their lifelong habit of reading for pleasure and knowledge.

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### Our Mission

*Providence Public Library engages learners, inspires thinkers and connects diverse communities.*



## The Chace Children's Discovery Library at PPL

is a captivating and enriching environment providing a joyful learning experience for young children, their families and caregivers.

## Chace Children's Discovery Library GOALS...

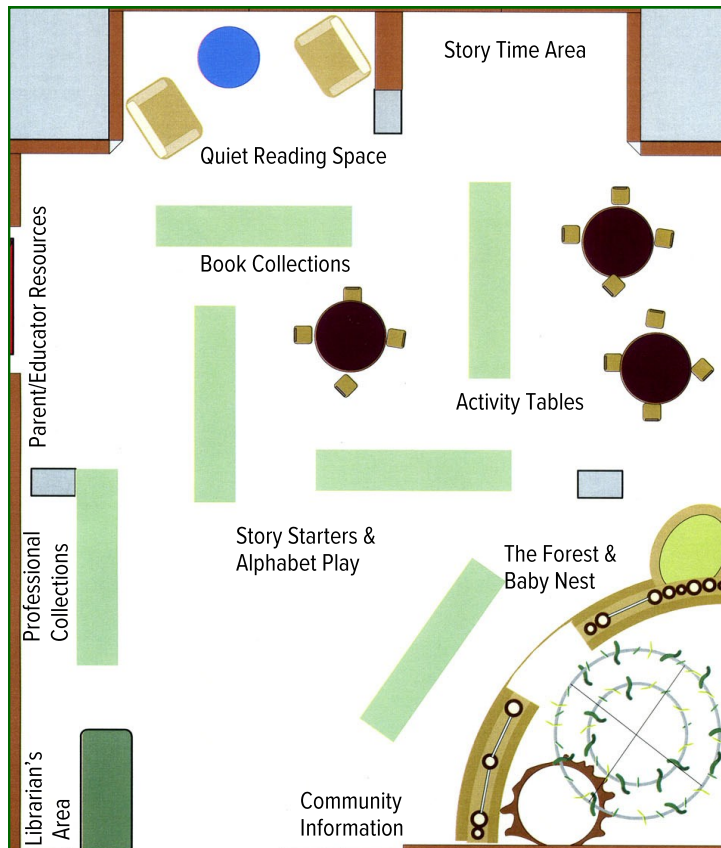
With an engaging and artful design of PPL's young children's library, we aim to:

- promote a love of reading in young children
- foster an understanding by parents and family-based caregivers of the importance of pre-reading literacy activities as the foundation for successful reading acquisition
- provide professional support for early childhood educators

## What comprises the Chace Children's Discovery Library?



- Book Collections
- Story Time Area
- Activity Tables
- The Forest
- Baby Nest
- Quiet Reading Space
- Alphabet Play and Story Making Activities
- Children's Work Display Areas
- Parent and Educator Resources
- Professional Material
- And more...



Children's Discovery Library designed by Providence Children's Museum ©



The focal area of the *Chace Children's Discovery Library* is the Forest, an 80 square foot beautiful silvery birch forest to inspire imagination and story making. Real birch tree trunks appear to sprout from the low wall border; an artfully designed mobile of gently swirling leaves with dancing letters hangs above; props such as wooden bowls, soft felt "logs" and carpet "lily pads" enhance the story making. Adjoining the forest is a comfortable "Baby Nest," a protected playpen for infants and babies.

Interactive alphabet and phonic play opportunities abound throughout the *Discovery Library*. Twenty-six boxes with doors designed like alphabet blocks are arranged from A to Z around the room; open the little doors and find real objects that start with the letter (e.g., Apples and Ants) behind plastic windows. At magnet boards, children can combine magnetic word starters and endings to make new words and complete poems with rhyming words.

Activity kits for children to use with the librarians or their caregivers or on their own include story making with puppets, costumes, blocks and small toys and early literacy activities such as rhythm instruments and letter tracing. Prompts and clipboards encourage parents and caregivers to engage in early literacy activities with their children.

High on the walls around the room swirl "story starters," first lines from beloved children's books such as "Mr. and Mrs. Mallard were looking for a place to live." Children can choose hunt cards to match the books and authors with the story starters.

We are pleased to have worked with **Providence Children's Museum** to create the **Chace Children's Discovery Library** at PPL, with funding from the Chace Family, the Providence Public Library Foundation and generous donors.