

County of El Dorado

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Supervisor Santiago recommending the Board:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair's signature on a Proclamation Recognizing the El Dorado County Library and the importance of early childhood literacy; and
- 2) Present the Proclamation to the El Dorado County Library and First Five El Dorado. (Est. Time: 5 Min.)

According to Children Now, El Dorado County led the state in 2013 with an estimated 79% of families reading to their children on a daily basis.

The El Dorado County Library supports parents and caregivers, reaching nearly one in six children, ages birth through 5 annually, offering early literacy programs at all six branches, including outreach to preschools and child care programs throughout the county. The Library successfully and efficiently utilizes grant funds resulting in national Family Place Library recognition. Other grant funds support workshops for parents and their children, provide early childhood education staff development and establish mobile child development classrooms.

As a result, the El Dorado County Library is a leader in the State of California, where results of early literacy programs, partnerships and community collaborations have been formally recognized and where the California State Library looks to El Dorado County for guidance with other libraries' early literacy programs.

The public is invited to join in recognizing the El Dorado County Library for their exceptional work toward our County's success on Thursday, May 22, 2014, 10:00 AM, at the El Dorado County Library, 345 Fair Lane, Placerville. With special presentations by: Wendy David, Chair, First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission; Camille Maben, Executive Director, First 5 California Children and Families Commission; and, Norma Santiago, Chair El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

Immediately following the recognition, all are welcome to participate in Mother Goose on the Loose story time with our families and "stay and play" at the mobile child development center.