

Ready to Read at New York Libraries: GOALS



What is the Overarching Goal of *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* Program?

New York's public libraries will significantly improve the quality of early learning services, providing families and caregivers with the knowledge they need to prepare young children for their school years.

What is the Goal of *Ready to Read At New York Libraries: Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program*?

New York's public libraries will significantly improve the quality of early learning services by increasing library staff capacity to develop and deliver quality early learning services for families and caregivers.

What are the Goals of the Advisory Group and the Training Cohort?

The twelve-member *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* Advisory Group and the thirty-member Training Cohort are working with the State Library to develop, deliver and evaluate the Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program.

The Advisory Group will:

- Provide expert advice to the State Library concerning the overall statewide early literacy program *Ready to Read at New York Libraries*; and
- Assist in developing and supporting collaborative partnerships to ensure that early literacy work is done effectively on a statewide, regional, and local level.

The Training Cohort will:

- Provide consistent, effective training that prepares public library staff to identify needs and partnerships, and provide high quality services to meet the early literacy needs of young children and their parents and caregivers; and
- Support implementation of the Early Childhood Public Library Staff Development Program statewide through ongoing learning, collaboration and sharing.

For more information about *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* visit the official website, <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/index.html> or contact the Program Director, Karen Balsen at karen.balsen@nysed.gov or 518-486-2194.