# Supercharged Storytimes

## You already provide great storytimes. Supercharge your practice to make them even better!

**Syllabus & Timeline**

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**Instructor(s)**

**INSERT NAME AND EMAIL**

Supercharged Storytimes is a X-week course consisting of X live, online sessions (mention any face to face elements you might have), online discussion forums, readings and activities. The course provides training in how to intentionally apply research-based practices to boost early literacy in young children attending library storytime. Course work requires a time commitment of an average of 3 hours per week.

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Trainers add a bit about their background and who they are.

**Learning Objectives:**

As a result of participation in the Supercharged Storytimes training, practitioners will be able to:

* Explain the impact of library storytime practices on early literacy development in children, referencing significant studies such as the VIEWS2 research.
* Describe the key elements of a supercharged storytime and integrate them into their own storytimes.
* Be intentional in supporting early literacy behaviors in relation to books and storytime activities through the use of the Early Literacy Planning Tool.
* Increase interactivity with children during story times, observing children’s behaviors, and engage parents/caregivers to reinforce these behaviors at home and in other environments.
* Share early literacy information with parents/caregivers, providing them with ideas and resources they can use with their children in everyday life.
* Use assessment tools to evaluate and improve storytimes, including self-reflection and the Project Outcome Early Childhood Literacy outcome-based assessment toolkit.
* Employ strategies to reach children and families of highest needs in communities served by the library.
* Confidently articulate the value of library storytimes to a variety of stakeholders and recognize how Supercharged Storytimes connects to other early literacy structures such as their state’s early learning guidelines, Every Child Ready to Read® and Head Start Child Outcomes.

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| INSERT DATES (insert range of dates from launch leading up to first live session) | **Getting Started**   * Explore the Learning Community * Introduce yourself in the forum * View Overview of Supercharged Storytimes |
| INSERT DATES (insert range of dates for learning community engagement) | **Key Supercharged Storytimes Elements**   * **Live session date/time** * **Topics:**   + Oral Language   + Interactivity   + Intentionality & the Early Literacy Planning Tool (ELPT)   + Orientation to the Learning Community |
| INSERT DATES (insert range of dates for learning community engagement) | **Introducing More Early Literacy Components and Connecting with Parents and Caregivers at Storytime**   * **Live session date/time** * **Topics:**   + Phonological Awareness   + Print Awareness/Concepts   + Connect and Engage with Parents and Caregivers   + Letter Knowledge |
| INSERT DATES  (insert range of dates for learning community engagement) | **Background Knowledge – the Sixth Early Literacy Component**   * **Live session date/time** * **Topics:**   + Vocabulary   + Background Knowledge: Conceptual Thinking   + Background Knowledge: Content Knowledge   + Background Knowledge: Book/Story Knowledge |

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| INSERT DATES  (insert range of dates for learning community engagement) | **Assessment of Storytime Practice**   * **Live session date/time** * **Topics:**   + Self-Assessment and Peer Observation   + Using PLA’s Project Outcome for Impact Assessment |
| INSERT DATES  (insert range of dates for learning community engagement) | **Supercharging Storytime Through an Equity Lens**   * **Live session date/time** * **Topics:**   + Understanding and Connecting with Communities   + Community Collaborations   + Welcoming Space and Collections |
| INSERT DATES  (insert range of dates for learning community engagement) | **Growing Your Supercharged Practice**   * **Live session date/time** * **Topics:**   + Advocacy for the Value of Library Storytimes   + Building Peer Community   + Celebrate Success |