

Facets of Equity Engagement

There are many facets to pursuing equity in connecting with and supporting the needs of a variety of communities. These additional resources that may be helpful for particular equity efforts, such as addressing barriers to access or offering storytimes to different language communities.

The Colorado State Library's SPELL projects have generated many promising impacts in reaching and serving low-income parents of children birth to three with library and early literacy services and resources. Their [Tips and Tools for Early Literacy Programming Targeting Low Income Families in Your Community](#) is an excellent resource, specifically from pages 10 on where it guides practitioners through thinking about the space, the collection, and the policies, with planning sheets included.

[Global Family Research Project's Public Libraries: A Vital Space for Family Engagement](#) is a practical and theoretical way to think about meaningful family engagement.

The [Idea Book](#) is a companion to the above. It showcases some fantastic programs to engage families, with adaptations for programs without as many resources and support.

Explore the [Storytime Solidarity website](#), which fills the gap left by Storytime Underground, a previous peer community of storytime practitioners. Storytime Solidarity "supports librarians, teachers, and educators in developing diverse, equitable, and inclusive early literacy programming and book collections. We share songs, tips, resources, and book recommendations that support little learners, their families, and our fellow educators."

[Serving Patrons with Barriers to Access](#) – The Seattle Public Library reevaluated their bookmobile services and retooled them to more effectively reach children with socio-economic barriers to accessing the library.

[Before Bilingual Storytimes: The Outreach Bridge to Engaging Latino and Spanish-speaking Families](#) (webinar recording)– It's important to establish connections with Latino and Spanish-speaking communities as a foundation for encouraging them to come to the library for bilingual storytimes.

[Bilingual Storytimes: Reaching Through the Language Barrier](#) (webinar recording) focuses on how to adapt your current storytimes for Spanish/English storytimes and use the same process to deliver storytimes in any language. Check out the extensive list of handouts and related resources.



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Let's Talk About Race in Storytimes (webinar recording) – As presenter Jessica Anne Bratt says, “This is solidarity work, how to disrupt biases.... You have the tools to help stop those biases.” Bratt, Director of Community Engagement and Outreach at the Grand Rapids Public Library, shares materials, strategies, and tips to start celebrating difference early for all children.

If you're looking to broaden your collection of books for storytime, Goodreads [Listopia](#) has several helpful categories, each with an extensive list of books to choose from. Here's a selection of categories:

- [Best Bilingual Storytime Books](#)
- [Children's Books Depicting Multiracial Families](#)
- [Friendship Storytime](#)
- [LGBTQ Children's Literature](#)
- [Multicultural Children's Books](#)

