



Language & Literacy Sessions

The Ohio Early Childhood Conference | April 23-25, 2026 | Kalahari Resort | Sandusky, OH

Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Unlocking Literacy: Science of Reading in the Early Childhood Classroom

Jennifer Ervin, Warrensville Heights City School District

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Playing with Sounds: Using Rhythm, Rhyme, and Song to Build Phonological Awareness

Dr. Laura Kelley, University of Cincinnati

Friday, April 24, 2026

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Joyful & Engaging Early Reading!

Eric Litwin

8:30 am – 10:00 am

The Power is in Your Hands (ASL)

Paige Pray, Child Care Resource Center

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

American Sign Language Combined with Music for Interactive Learning with Infants and Toddlers

Georgia & Ken Frawley, KF Enterprises

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Embracing the Science of Reading

Lesley Jennings, Teaching Strategies

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Best New Children's Books on DEI and SEL and More!

Amy Vandament, The Book Vine for Children, Inc

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Storytime Techniques for Early Childhood Programs

MaryBeth Bush & Corienne Dippel, Early Childhood Resource Center

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Storytime Bootcamp

Stacy & Benjamin Corll, Little Loves Learning Center

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

How to Talk to Infants & Toddlers While They Play: Language that Fosters Connection, Confidence and Creativity

Cara Tyrrell, Core4Parenting

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Exploring Narratives in the 0-3 Space

Hayley Venturino, State Support Team 15

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Pebbles and Prose: The Storytelling Power of Loose Parts

Elizabeth Fields, Learning Beyond Paper, Inc.