



First Steps Learning Cube





Help Children In Your Community Get Ready to Read!

When you decide to bring a learning spot cube to your business/organization, you are helping First Steps:

- Build early learning and literacy skills.
- Foster learning connections throughout the community.
- Impact children who may be unable to regularly reach the library.
- Ensure opportunities for the growth and success of every member of our community.
- Connect children to Laramie County Library System and its resources.

Logistics of the Learning Cube

We are asking business owners like you throughout Laramie County to feature an 18" x 18" learning spot cube in your waiting areas, lobbies, or other child-accessible spaces.

If you choose to feature a learning cube in your business, here is what you can expect of Laramie County Library System (LCLS):

- Delivery, set up, and regular maintenance of the cube.
- Repair to any damage that may occur to the cube at no cost to you.
- Consistent replacement of cube panels for new learning opportunities.
- Distribution of board books for children to use with the cube.
- Advertisement of the partnership with your business at no cost to you.

If you choose to feature a learning cube in your business, here is what LCLS can expect of you:

- Minimal cleaning, i.e. a weekly wipe down of the learning cube.
- Notification of any problems with the cube, i.e. broken panel or missing piece.
- Placement of the cube in an easily-accessible area.
- Placement of small brochure and sign holder (table top or wall mount).

That's it! LCLS will take care of everything else, and you will be helping shape the future of children in your community by supporting their learning and growth.

Explanation of First Steps Program

The learning cubes placed throughout the community are just one component of the First Steps: Early Literacy Begins at Home program. Laramie County Library System created and launched the innovative new initiative which places an early literacy specialist, EvaLyn Flores, in the homes of at-risk children and families. EvaLyn engages children and parents in an interactive storytime during each visit that includes interactive crafts, puppets, and activities to create a fun learning environment. Each home visit also includes a free book for the child to keep, so that families can begin building a home library.

The home visits combined with visits to the library's Early Literacy Center, storytimes, and participation in outreach efforts ensure that children are getting reached no matter where they live, learn, or play. First Steps is committed to helping children throughout the entire community build literacy skills and prepare for school, whether that is at the library, in their own homes, or at local businesses.



EvaLyn Flores is the Early Literacy Outreach Specialist at Laramie County Library System. She coordinates First Steps efforts throughout the community and is responsible for preparing and

implementing the library's home visits. She can help answer any questions about First Steps and Early Literacy Outreach efforts.

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