Tips for celebrating Talk Story @ your library

- Be open – doing multicultural storytimes and programs can be daunting – But don’t be afraid – it’s the effort and the thought that counts.
- Talk to Your Community – you never know who can help you.
- Don’t Worry About Funds – The great thing about Talk Story is that you don’t have to have loads of money to put it on.
- Have Fun! – The most important tip – enjoy all of your hard work!
- Say Thank You – Whether you’re saying Mahalo, Xie Xie, Ahe’hee, Miigwech or Quyanaq, make sure you say it to everyone who helped you!

Talk Story: Sharing stories, sharing culture is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) children and their families. The program celebrates and explores their stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive, enriching experience.

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Celebrating cultural heritage and reading

_Talk Story_ supports family and cultural literacy by:

- Providing opportunities for adult family members to build their own literacy skills as they strengthen their children’s literacy skills
- Building cultural identity and self-esteem of community members
- Promoting greater Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) representation in books and library programs
- Sharing knowledge and creating awareness of the APA and AIAN communities

For Parents: You are your child’s first teacher

_Here are some tips to help your child get ready to read:_

- **Read to your child every day.** Even if it is just for a few minutes a day, reading regularly fosters a love of books that children can look forward to.
- **Read and repeat.** We all know that children love to hear the same stories over and over again. They are actually learning while they do this. Repetition helps with letter and word recognition, and builds their comprehension skills.
- **ABC, 123.** Make sure that your child’s book collection has at least one number and one alphabet book. Familiarity with the building blocks of reading will build your child’s confidence when they become ready to read.
- **Let your child lead.** Each child develops at their own pace, and pushing them beyond what feels comfortable can turn them off to reading.

Children learn through stories