

PrimeTime Family Reading Time

As a result of PrimeTime my family is more expressive and discusses what we are reading. The love of reading has increased for both of my kids.

–Parent Participant from Orange County



What is PrimeTime?

PrimeTime is a six-week reading and discussion program for families with young children. Held in public libraries and community centers, this program demonstrates how literature can enrich one's life, models strategies for continued family bonding through award-winning children's books, and provides families with critical information on library resources.

PrimeTime is primarily designed to:

- increase family bonding and reading time
- improve reading attitudes and behaviors
- increase public library use
- strengthen community bonds

How does PrimeTime work?

PrimeTime is offered free of charge and typically includes up to 15 families. For each session a storyteller guides families through the reading of award-winning children's book(s) that address a specific theme. After the reading, the discussion leader poses questions that promote critical thinking. For example, "Was the character brave? Honest? Honorable? How can we tell?"

Who is eligible to apply?

At this time only library partners that have previously hosted PrimeTime may apply. Please contact the Florida Humanities Council if interested.

More about PrimeTime:

The [Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities](#) created and developed PrimeTime in 1991 and, with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, expanded the program to 40 states.

Watch PrimeTime in action with this video produced by the Orange County Library System.