

Motheread, Inc

Story Exploring® Training

TRAINING

This interactive 6-hour training provides adults who work with children with an innovative, scientifically based curriculum and approach that will transform the read-aloud experience in the classroom and home environment. Participants will

- Examine ways to encourage a positive attitude and motivate children about reading
- Experience use of story as a way to teach and examine the importance of narrative
- Learn about the research that supports the Story Exploring approach and its key elements.
- Practice specific strategies and techniques to build literacy skills through the read-aloud experience.
- Explore ways to use the transfer-to-home activities provided by the *Story Extenders*.

AUDIENCE

Early childhood and elementary school teachers, librarians, home visitors, Head Start, Even Start/Family Literacy, Title I Staff

CURRICULUM

The *Story Exploring Books* reflect the findings of current research and federal guidelines for early childhood and elementary school reading instruction. Story Exploring offers four levels using over 100 multicultural children's books.

Book 1, designed for use with infants and toddlers encourages the youngest learners to enjoy simple board books. It provides adults with simple activities that promote story enjoyment and build emergent literacy skills.

Book 2, designed for use with preschoolers, helps adults read strategically to children in ways that will enhance comprehension, build vocabulary and help them translate spoken language to the written word. *Having Fun with Language* promotes phonological awareness using rhymes and songs to help children discriminate between sounds. *Writing What's Said* builds print awareness by helping children connect spoken and written language.

Book 3, designed for use with grades K – 2 focuses on moving children from phonological awareness to alphabetic awareness by helping them link the sound of oral language to specific letters and words. Teachers are given activities that encourage children to be actively involved in creating poetry, songs and stories.

Book 4, designed for use with grades 3 – 5, encourages children to develop independent writing skills through activities that focus on journaling and writing for other audiences. Each lesson includes an opportunity to analyze and explore the story further through a mapping activity.

Story Extenders accompany each lesson as a companion piece to the *Story Exploring Books*. They are designed to support learning in the home environment. Extenders provide specific take-home activities that foster creative thinking and problem solving, and promote conversations between parents and their children.