

## 2014 Growing Wisconsin Readers Early Literacy Symposium



The 2014 Growing Wisconsin Readers Early Literacy Symposium was held on Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, WI from 9:00am-4:00pm. Wisconsin youth services librarians, public library directors, and early childhood advocates were invited to attend this free day-long professional development opportunity.

State and national experts explored the topic of *engagement* by discussing how books, screens, and physical spaces encourage literacy development in relationships between young children and their caregivers. Panel presentations and a display gallery highlighted early literacy innovations from public libraries around the state.

### Featured Speakers Included:

- [Chip Donohue](#), PhD
  - Presentation: [Young Children in the Digital Age](#)
  - NAEYC FRC [Key Messages](#)
  - TEC [Resources for Educators](#)
- [Dipesh Navsaria](#), MPH, MSLIS, MD
  - Presentation: [Screens: Success or Sabotage for Schools](#)
- [Rebecca Katzenmeyer](#), Montessori Directress
  - Presentation: [Literacy Rich Environments](#)

### The Early Literacy Display Gallery Featured:

- [Hedberg Public Library](#) (Janesville)
- [Lester Public Library](#) (Two Rivers)
- [Lodi Woman's Club Public Library](#)
- [McMillan Memorial Library](#) (Wisconsin Rapids)
- [Portage County Public Library](#) (Stevens Point)

**Online Activity:** The hashtag [#GWRsymp](#) was used on Twitter during the symposium and tweets were [archived](#) via Storify. Experiences from the event were shared via the Growing Wisconsin Readers [blog](#).