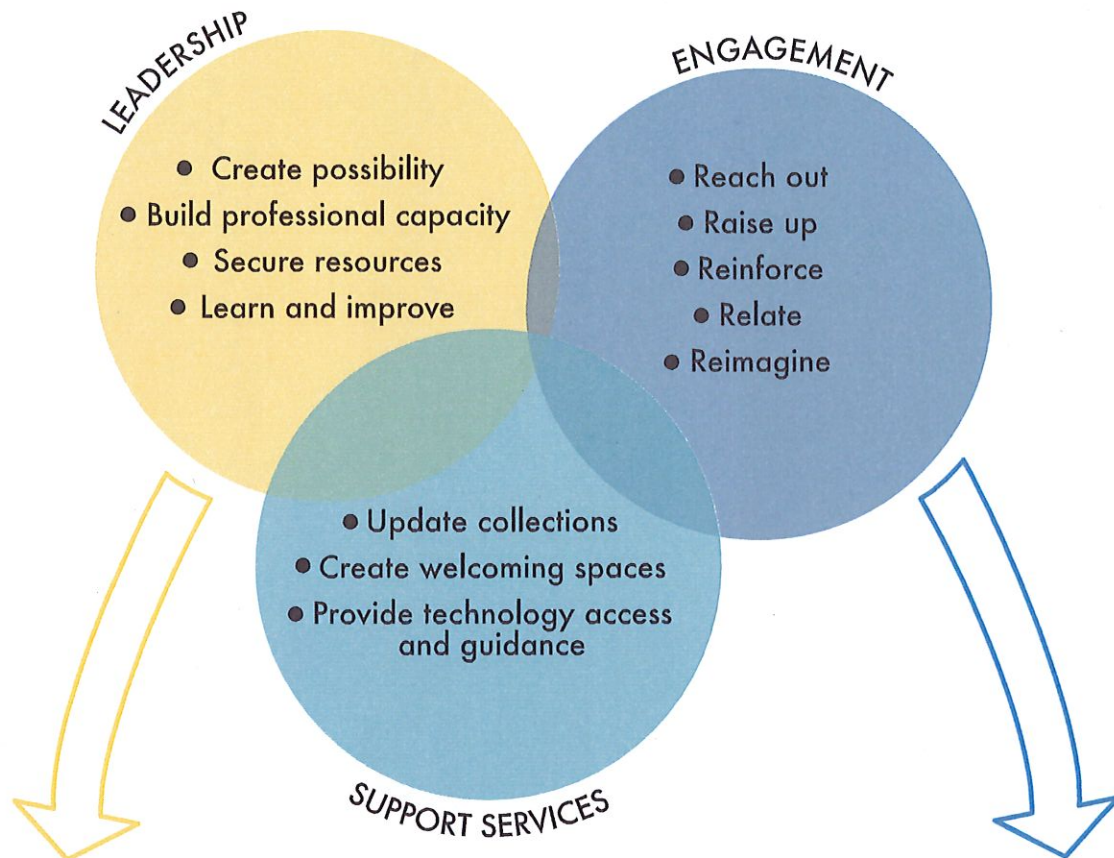


A Framework to Support Family Engagement in Children's Learning through Libraries

Library Elements to Support Family Engagement



Outcomes

LIBRARIES WILL:

- Increase outreach to underserved families
- Elevate family voice and perspectives in designing services
- Facilitate peer-to-peer interactions
- Build family engagement pathways from early childhood through young adulthood
- Increase partnerships with community agencies
- Provide spaces that promote family interaction

FAMILIES WILL:

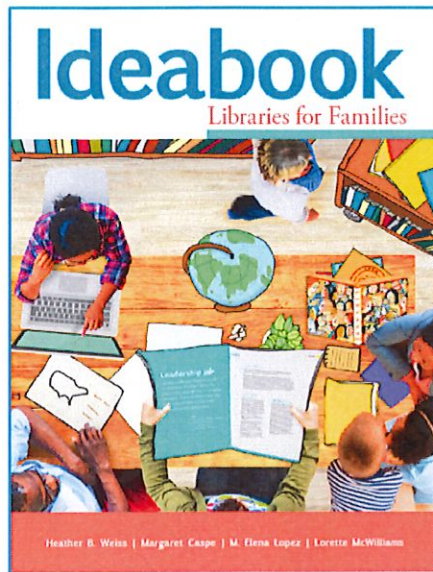
- Be more knowledgeable about library resources
- Improve their health, well-being, and positive parenting practices
- Be more connected to peers in the community
- Increase their knowledge, skills, and confidence to support children's learning
- Improve their ability to advocate for their community and the library
- Be more knowledgeable about how to access community resources

CHILDREN WILL:

- Be more prepared for school
- Have more support with their school work
- Improve their skills to fulfill their interests
- Be on a pathway to lifelong learning
- Experience positive interactions with their families

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Global Family Research Project



Ideabook: Libraries for Families was recently released by the Global Family Research Project and the Public Library Association.

The report describes the 5Rs framework - reaching out, raising up, reinforcing, relating, and reimagining - and offers innovative ideas for educators and librarians interested in creating meaningful family engagement experiences.

Inside the Ideabook, you will find many examples of family-library-early childhood partnerships. For example:

- Súper Kinder at **Hennepin County Library** (Minnesota) supports Spanish-speaking children and families in preparing for kindergarten.
- Library cafés at **Carroll County Public Library** (Maryland) bring families of young children together to build relationships and share information.
- An early literacy texting initiative at **Brooklyn Public Library** (New York) helps families promote learning at home.
- A collaboration among families, librarians, and early childhood teachers throughout the **Pierce County Library System** (Washington) promotes block play and young children's mathematical learning.

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