**Adapting Your Current Storytime**

**STEP UNO: *Make Friends***

We do not recommend starting any program without first making relationships with those you hope will come. This gives you an expert, a potential volunteer, and people already planning on coming to your storytime before you’ve even started.

**STEP DOS: *Research with an expert***

 Ask your friends for input on songs, stories, games, and finger plays that you can include in your storytime. Invite them to help you plan and present the storytime together. Research online other experts on bilingual storytime.

**STEP TRES: *Selecting books and songs***

Find a translation of the same book you already selected. *Can’t find one?* Choose a very simple book and choose a few words to practice in Spanish.

Find translations of the same songs you are using. *Can’t find one?* Either use an active song in English and possibly change a word or two into Spanish or find a very active song in Spanish. Some great sources for this included in our *Books, Songs and Digital Resources Handout*.

**STEP CUATRO: *Fingerplays and Games***

Use the same fingerplays you planned for English storytime but include one to five words to practice in Spanish. And/or include fingerplays your friend suggested.

Plan games that you already do for your storytime that could also practice a few select words in Spanish.

**STEP CINCO: *Still feel uncomfortable presenting in Spanish?***

Consider using digital media to do the Spanish elements for you like Youtube performers or Tumblebooks. We have provided a few of our favorites in our *Books, Songs and Digital Resources Handout*.

**STEP SEIS: *Finding Early Literacy Tips***

Utah Kids Ready to Read. Simply switch the page to Spanish, click on either Talk, Sing, Read, Write or Play and copy a tip that has already been translated into Spanish for you! <http://utahkidsreadytoread.org/es/index.shtml>

Every Child Ready to Read. Video resources in Spanish you could play for the parents; <http://www.everychildreadytoread.org/spanish-language-video-clips>

Order the book itself: Every child ready to read, second edition kit. (2011) ALSC & PLA, available to order here: <http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=10927>

**STEP SIETE: *HAVE FUN! It’s Storytime!***

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