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CLEL Guest Blog Submission Guidelines

Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL) encourages guest blog post submissions from CLEL members, library staff, early childhood educators, and early learning specialists who are interested in writing about early literacy and learning.

Please keep in mind that we prefer submissions that:

- support CLEL's mission that "All children deserve to experience both the joy of reading and the skills in life that literacy provides."
- are original content, not already published elsewhere
- are engaging, well-organized, and less than 1,000 words
- include accurate information with citations and/or hyperlinks, if appropriate
- include images, *optional*
- include a suggested list of categories and tags for your post

Writing for CLEL

CLEL regularly posts blogs by both guest writers and CLEL Steering Committee members to inform and inspire our readers. The Communications Sub-Committee will make the final decision as to if and when your blog is published. If your work is time sensitive, please note it on the submission form. Please submit a final draft that has been proof-read.

We are always accepting guest blogs on topics relevant to early literacy and learning and library services to young children, and are currently seeking blogs on the following topics:

- Equity, diversity and inclusion in storytime and other library programs
- Bilingual storytime
- Virtual storytime
- Successful strategies for outdoor programming
- STEAM programming for young children
- Social Emotional Learning
- Library services for beginning readers
- Caregiver tips and learning
- Community engagement and outreach strategies

Photos and Images

Remember you must have permission to use any images you would like to include with your post and they must be fully credited. If you are using Creative Commons images, **please note this with CC in the file name**, ex. CCkids.jpeg, and provide license details on the submission form. Photos featuring children other than your own must be accompanied by a photo release.

Ready to submit? Complete this form.
Text must be attached in .docx or .doc format with .jpeg image files as separate attachments.

Need some inspiration for creating a great blog post? Check out this article *How to Craft an Amazing ASLC Blog Post* by Dan Bostrom on behalf of the American Library Association of Library Service to Children.