Connecting Collections and Cultures By Creating a Community of Children’s Librarians Around Early Literacy Storytimes

**Project:** VIEWS2 – a 3-year quasi-experimental study examining the early literacy outcomes for children who attend public library programs

**Participants:** 20 children’s librarians across the state of Washington

**Plan:** Deliver an interactive web-based training program to the children’s librarians that supports the development of a virtual Community of Practice

**Purpose:** Understand the children’s librarians’ perceptions of the virtual Community of Practice they created as part of the web-based training program

Communities of Practice are “collaborative informal networks that support professional practitioners in their efforts to develop shared understandings and engage in work relevant to knowledge building.” (Hara 2009 p. 118)

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