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Have you heard of a classroom in a box? The Burleson Public Library is checking out Read It Again kits to teach early learning concepts in a fun and engaging way.

The kits can be used by parents, teachers and caregivers to teach beginning concept skills, including the alphabet, phonics, colors and numbers. Each theme-based kit contains a collection of children's materials consisting of approximately five books, one music CD with songs that reinforce concepts, two puppets or educational toys (such as a puzzle), and one teacher resource book that includes directions and additional activities. Burleson has 14 different kits that have themes such as ABC's, trains, get moving, under the sea, big and little, family, woodland critters, opposites, bedtime and music. Each kit can be checked out by Burleson library cardholders for three weeks at a time.

The Read It Again kits were made possible by a 2016 library cooperation grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Burleson is a partner in the project that was coordinated by the Arlington Public Library and includes libraries in Alvarado, Benbrook, Cedar Hill, Crowley, DeSoto, Duncanville, Grand Prairie, Kennedale, Lancaster, and Mansfield. Approximately 150 Read It Again kits were distributed among the partner libraries so they could have them available for check out within their communities. The libraries will rotate kits periodically to keep themes and concepts fresh.

"The Read It Again kits encourage a love of learning that can put children on the path toward a successful future," Michele Wilson, children's librarian, said. "I am very excited that we are offering them. When I showed the kits to the parents in Story Time, most of them were checked out that same day."

To check out a kit, call the library at 817-426-9210 or search for "Read It Again Kit" in the library's online catalog, <http://bit.ly/BPLonlinecatalog>. Read It Again Kits are only available to Burleson library cardholders, and the kits must be returned in person during library hours.

The Burleson Public Library is located at 248 S.W. Johnson Ave. The library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. For more information, stop by or call 817-426-9210.