

**MSDE COK Information for  
*Opening the Gift-Preschool Traveling Library (OTG-PTL) Participants***

Beginning school year 2025-2026 Harford County Public Library will be offering two Core of Knowledge training opportunities.

***Opening the Gift-Preschool Traveling Library Orientation*** provides 4 hours of COK (1 child Development, 2 Curriculum, 1 Community)

- In 2025-2026 this is available to all providers participating in OTG-PTL.
- Beginning 2026-2027, this will be available to first time participants in OTG-PTL.
- Criteria for receiving the 4 COK hours are:
  - Attendance at *Opening the Gift – Preschool Traveling Library* orientation session.
  - Participation in at least 5 story time sessions during this programming year.
  - Presentation of one picture book and one story time enhancement (fingerplay, flannel board, action rhyme, etc.) to the children in your care at the April or May session. This presentation will incorporate Best Practices of a Story Time (*see Story Time Presentation Checklist*)

***Opening the Gift-Preschool Traveling Library Orientation Part 2*** provides 2 hours of COK (Curriculum)

- Beginning 2026-2027, this will be available one time to participants that have completed 1 year in OTG-PTL.
- Criteria for receiving the 2 COK hours are:
  - Completion of ***Opening the Gift-Preschool Traveling Library Orientation***
  - Participation in at least 5 story time sessions during this programming year.
  - Presentation of one picture book and one story time enhancement (fingerplay, flannel board, action rhyme, etc.) to the children in your care at the April or May session. This presentation will incorporate Best Practices of a Story Time (*see Story Time Presentation Checklist*)

All COK Certificates will be presented at the May Opening the Gift-Preschool Traveling Library visit.

Orientation for the 2025—2026 year will be offered at the Bel Air Branch of HCPL on two dates:

- Thursday, September 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm, ***OR***
- Wednesday, September 17 from 6:00-8:00 pm