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**PARTNERSHIPS AT MANY LEVELS: ENABLING EARLY YEARS LITERACY IN A LAND
OF ORAL TRADITIONS**

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East Arnhem Shire Council (EASC) in partnership with Northern Territory Library (NTL) and other providers deliver library services, promote reading and increase literacy and school readiness in Indigenous people in Northeast Arnhem Land, Australia. Programs focus on early years learning and strategies include supporting caregivers to nurture literate behaviour and practices; providing access to age-appropriate books and resources, including own language material; and training local Indigenous people to facilitate family-oriented early learning activities.

Partnerships and collaboration at many levels are required to coordinate, develop and deliver library services across the region.