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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Michigan Reads! Online Programming Guide Now Available

The 2014 Michigan Reads! Programming Guide is available at www.michigan.gov/michiganreads. This annual program promotes the value and benefits of reading early and often to preschoolers and young children. Access to quality books, programs, and services creates a foundation for reading and school success. The Library of Michigan has posted the 2014 programming guide so schools and libraries can plan activities for this coming fall. The guide is full of resources to help children develop literacy skills through play-based activities linked to the selected book. Activities are for infant, toddler, preschool, and K-2 age groups. K-2 materials are aligned to Michigan Content Standards. The 2014 book is *Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band* by Kwame Alexander. The full programming kit includes a book, programming guide, poster, bookmarks, and stickers. A complete kit will go out to public libraries, schools with K-2 classrooms, Head Start, and Great Start Readiness programs in mid-August, for use in September and October.

If you have any questions, please contact Karren Reish, Library Grants Coordinator, Library of Michigan at reishk@michigan.gov or 517-241-0021.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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