



## The Role of the Arts in Early Language and Literacy Development

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### Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we present and respond to current research on how the arts, especially children's literature, can support children's communication with others and help develop their imaginative and creative potential in the contemporary world. The development and application of one's cultural and linguistic resources provides the basis for learning how to communicate and how to connect others' experiences to their own lives. A teacher's pedagogical stance, including storying and the choice of quality literary texts and other resources, should ideally reflect these goals. To this end, this Special Issue will explore current issues including the relationship between different ways of making meaning through different artforms and the centrality of the development of wellbeing and the affirmation of identity.

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