



Family Literacy Engagement Grab & Go: Food Festival

This activity would be
best used by:

Schools Families

Materials:

- Food dishes representing multiple cultures, including those represented by the local community
- Tables
- Books about different cultures
- Volunteers
- Funding, if needed for venue



Steps:

1. Determine a location, date, and time for the event. Consider accommodations for weather.
2. Designate leaders for each country and/or culture represented at the festival.
3. Recruit volunteers such as family members, community leaders, retired educators, and high school extracurricular club members to assist with hosting the event.
4. Utilize the Strategies to Overcome Barriers in the [Family Literacy Engagement Strategic Plan](#) to ensure equity.
5. Organize tables and set up food items and related books on the tables, manned by volunteers or designated representatives.
6. Allow attendees to mingle and enjoy the unique, flavor-rich dishes and stories!
7. Have recipes and information to share or engage in conversations about the origin of the dishes and the culture from which they come.

Lagniappe:

Create and send invitations to community organizations, families, and leaders to encourage community-wide support and participation.

Have participants provide recipes of dishes ahead of time to the event organizer. A cookbook can be created and sold as a school or community fundraiser.