

Every **CHILD** Ready to **READ**[®] @ your library[®]

Starting at birth you can help your child grow up to be a successful reader and learner. Children learn about reading and writing throughout their baby years, and long before they can actually read or write. There are five simple practices that grownups can use to help children get ready to read: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. These can be easily included in everyday routines and you don't need expensive materials. Look for opportunities to talk, sing, read, write and play together!



Talking with children helps them learn oral language, one of the most critical early literacy skills. Children learn about language by listening to parents talk and joining in the conversation.



Singing develops language skills. Slows down language so children can hear the different sounds in words. Helps children learn new words and information.



Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to want to learn to read.



Children become aware that printed letters stand for spoken words as they see print used in their daily lives.



Play is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills. They learn about language through playing as the activities help them put thoughts into words and talk about what they are doing.