

## ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE READING

There are a number of activities that you can use to improve your child's literacy skills. Children can feel a lot of pressure when learning to read. If you make reading enjoyable and interesting for your child they will grow to love it!

*Read together with your child every day*, even if only for a short session. Your child will look forward to the time you spend reading together, and reading will become a pleasurable activity for them.

*Take turns reading aloud to each other or read aloud together at the same time*. Whether it's every other sentence, paragraph or page, this is a great way to alleviate some of the pressure kids feel to perform when they're learning to read.

*Create a word bank*. This is a great way to keep track of new or difficult words, and kids will enjoy tracking their own progress over time.

*Have fun!* Play word games. Write a joke on a piece of paper and include it in your child's lunch. Create a scavenger hunt in your house – they will have a great time reading the clues and finding the 'treasure'. There are so many ways to have a great time while improving reading skills!

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# EARLY LITERACY

## READY - SET - READ!

Early literacy refers to what children know about reading and writing before they begin to read and write.

There are five important things to do with your child from birth onwards that will help them to become awesomely literate children:

1. **SING:** Teaches rhythm and vocabulary, word sounds.
2. **TALK:** Vocabulary, word sounds, helps children learn about the world around them.
3. **PLAY:** Developing imagination, telling stories, learning skills, learning about the world.
4. **READ:** Vocabulary, word sounds, narrative skills (what happens next, parts of a story), how to handle books.
5. **WRITE:** Scribbling on paper is actually writing practise (really)! Learning to form letters (when they're a little older), learning to write their name, watching you write.



## BEGINNING TO READ

If your child is ready to read, search for books which have the publisher's mark of level one or pre-level one on the book spine. These books have simple content and language, and use a mixture of words and pictures to tell the story.

### Series suggestions:

#### I Can Read:

My First, Level One

#### Get Ready, Get Set, Read:

A First Book

#### Ready-to-Read:

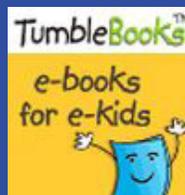
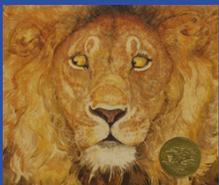
Pre-level One, Level One

## Encourage early literacy with these resources

### Wordless Picture Books

Stories without words allow children to verbalize the action that is presented to them in the illustrations

and helps to improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary.



### TumbleBooks

A fun, interactive online program which features audio books and read-along e-books for all levels of early reading. Includes popular titles and authors, such as Robert Munsch. Free to access through the APL website.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### PRESCHOOLERS

We run early literacy programs for infants through to preschoolers. Each of these programs is specifically designed to meet the literacy needs of the age group.

- Books for Babies** (0 - 13 months)
- Time for Toddlers** (14 - 23 months)
- Tales for Two** (24 - 35 months)
- Preschool Storytime** (3 - 5 years)

**Family Storytime:** A fun program that stimulates thinking, reading and socializing through the magic of books, songs and nursery rhymes. (0 - 5 years)

### OLDER READERS

**Reading Buddies:** A literacy-based program for children who have difficulty reading at their grade level. Children between the ages of seven and twelve are paired with a high school volunteer to practice their reading skills. The sessions last for ten weeks.

**Paws 4 Stories:** A program for beginning and struggling readers who have the opportunity read to a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog. A dog is a gentle, non-judgemental listener!

### Magazines & Non-Fiction

Magazines and Non-Fiction are excellent for reluctant readers. Choose a topic of particular interest to your child, or something with fascinating facts, such as the Guinness Book of World Records.

