

Every Child Ready to Read



Reading aloud is the single most important activity for your child's reading

success.



Giving your child many opportunities to talk helps them build a large

vocabulary and increases their ability to describe events and tell stories.



Singing slows language down and allows children to hear and play

with the smaller sounds in words.



Children learn about letters, words and stories when given the chance

to try writing on their own.



Children learn by doing. Play is a powerful way for children to connect

what they know to the world.



Five a day will get your child on the way to reading success!

Early literacy is everything a child knows about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Children begin to develop literacy at birth. Chewing on a book, playing with shape sorters, reading a book over and over, scribbling, playing dress-up, singing silly songs are all part of early literacy. Parents and caregivers who understand the importance of early literacy??and who take time every day to read, talk and sing with their child, and provide them with opportunities to write and play??can help ensure their child begins school ready to read.

Librarians are trained in a national early literacy initiative, "Every Child Ready to Read @ your library," which teaches parents, caregivers, and early childhood educators about these five critical practices that boost literacy skills, as well as recent brain research, and techniques for reading and selecting books for children.

Learn how you can get your child on the road to reading at an **Every Child Ready to Read** workshop. Library workshops are free and open to the public. Call (812) 349-3100 for the next scheduled workshop or to request a workshop for your school or organization.

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