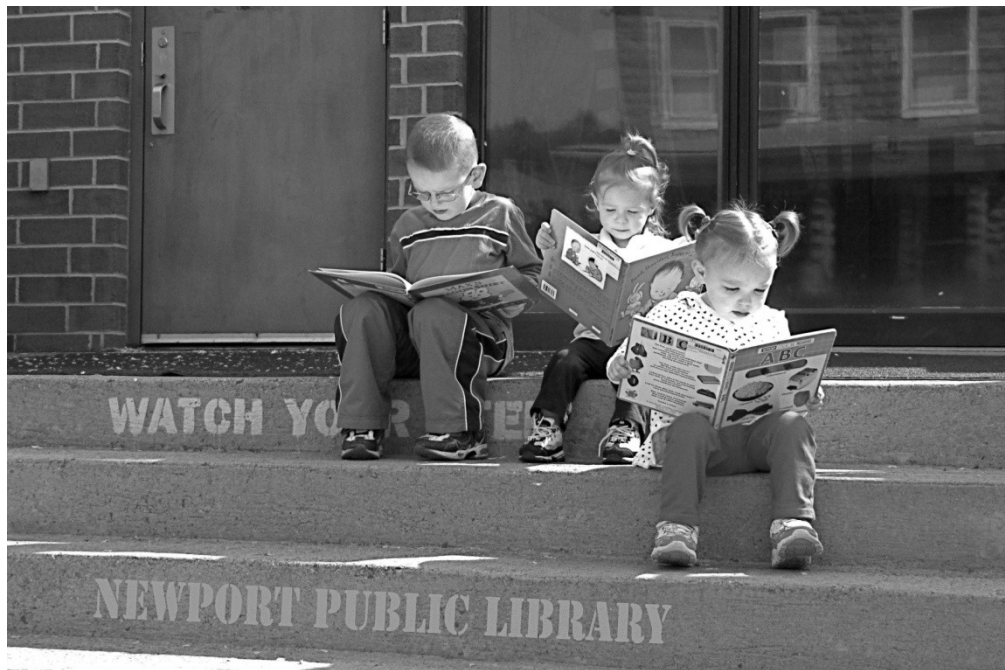


# Raising a Reader



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In this world of government-funded preschool programs and standardized testing in schools, many parents come to the library for assistance. Usually, they start by seeking a literacy based program with social skills included, like Pre-School StoryTime, in which to enroll their children. Newport Public Library is proud of its children's programs that service children from birth to 6 years old from all areas of the county.

**But** to raise a reader incorporates so much more: parent modeling, child and parent play, and reading together must begin in the home to successfully pilot your child on the path of success. This pathfinder is a brief listing of resources freely available to you, the parent or caregiver of young children. These resources include print materials found here at NPL, some suggested websites chosen by the author of this guide, and organizations that are currently working in our community to assist you in this task.

## FINDING BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

If you are looking for books to take home with you, your first step should be to use the computerized card catalog by the Circulation desk and enter topics such as:

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education – Activity Programs
- Early Childhood Education – Parent Participation
- Reading
- Reading Readiness
- Reading to Children
- Reading – Parent Participation

Merely, click on the keywords option and you will find materials that fall into two Dewey Decimal classifications:

- 372.4 Resources that expand on the topic “Reading” (aisle 7)
- 649.5 Resources that expand on the topic “Child rearing” (aisle 9)

Assistance in finding these materials can be found by asking at the desk.

Suggestions for material at Newport Public Library include:

- 372.4 DOM How to Teach Your Baby to Read by Glenn & Janet Doman which explores the idea that children are far more intelligent than we estimate.
- 372.4 MCG Growing a Reader From Birth by Diane McGuinness which presents the idea that reading is not just decoding symbols but requires the same skills that create great listeners.
- 372.452 TRE The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease which offers stories and examples to support the case for reading along with brief summaries of books and collections that you can read together as a family.

## ONLINE DATABASES FOR ARTICLES

If you are interested in the current thought in the field of education as far as reading readiness, or you want to find the actual research for these practices, you can use your NPL library card to access the POWER Library resources if at home; from the library, any public computer will take you there. In the middle row, the last box to the right has the OmniFile databases from WilsonWeb. In early May, 2010, there were 148 articles using the term “reading readiness” and 287 articles using the term “emergent literacy”. These pieces are fairly complicated to wade through, although every once in a while you will find an easily understood piece.

## INTERNET SOURCES

There is much information available on the Internet when it comes to parental advice. The trick is finding the time to wade through it. Here are three sites to start your online search.

- **The Provo City Library at Academy Square**  
([http://www.provo.lib.ut.us/kids/emergent\\_main.html](http://www.provo.lib.ut.us/kids/emergent_main.html))  
This site answers questions about your child’s specific age group and offers strategies and activities to aid you in this endeavor.
- **About.com Special Education – Reading and Literacy**  
(<http://specialed.about.com/od/readingchecklists/p/prereading.htm>)  
This site is mostly informational but does include links to other place on the Internet for information.
- **WIC Works Resource System**  
([http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/nal\\_display/index.php?info\\_center=12&tax\\_level=2&tax\\_subject=645&level3\\_id=0&level4\\_id=0&level5\\_id=0&topic\\_id=2578&&placement\\_default=0](http://wicworks.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=12&tax_level=2&tax_subject=645&level3_id=0&level4_id=0&level5_id=0&topic_id=2578&&placement_default=0))  
This is a listing of related topics that provide information, program names and ideas and contact information for some organizations committed to early literacy skills.

## ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT READING READINESS

There are professionals that are willing to partner with parents and caregivers, thereby assisting them in this important skill. Sometimes, the help is in the form of ideas, games,

and knowledge. Sometimes, based on the circumstances of the family, it could mean an actual visit on a regular basis in the home. Sometimes, it takes the shape of community events throughout the county that are open to all and are free of charge. First are listed national organizations, and how you can contact them or access their information. Following are listed local agencies and contact information including the events that they sponsor.

#### NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Reading is Fundamental (<http://www.rif.org/>) Site includes activity calendars, printable parent guides, and games for kids and much more!
- CELL : Center for Early Literacy Learning (<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org>) Offers infant, toddler and preschool guides and those for practitioners.
- Office of Head Start, Federal page (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs>) Tells of government mandates, laws and guidelines. No local information included.

#### LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Pennsylvania Head Start Association Contact person varies by school district. ([http://www.paheadstart.org/index.cfm?mm\\_id=2&page=28](http://www.paheadstart.org/index.cfm?mm_id=2&page=28)) To enroll a child, locate parent resources, or for advocacy issues, use this website. Income guidelines must be met for participation in this program. Perry County falls under the Head Start Capital Area and has classes in Duncannon at the Stonebridge Rehabilitation facility. Phone number is 834-4000. Juniata County phone is 436-2405.
- Pennsylvania's Promise for Children Contact person: Karen Barlup (<http://paprom.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=Programs#Head>). This organization educates child care providers and allows preschool children throughout the county access to intervention services and experiences that set a positive foundation for a successful school career. PlayStations is the event most familiar to most families in the county. Phone number is 567-7323 (READ).
- The Family Center Contact person: Shelley Aurila. This organization works with preschool aged children who do not meet the Head Start guidelines. There is a facilitator that will make home visits if requested. Phone number 582-3656. Email is [pcffamilycenter@tricountyi.net](mailto:pcffamilycenter@tricountyi.net)
- Perry County Literacy Council Contact person: Kathleen Bentley. (<http://www.perryliteracy.com/>) This organization provides services to families under the Head Start programs. Phone number is 567-7323 (READ).

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