

Early Literacy Websites & Resources

Reading Rockets offers a wealth of reading strategies, lessons, and activities designed to help young children learn how to read and read better. www.readingrockets.org

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is dedicated to creating a better future for children through libraries. Their primary goal is to lead the way in forging excellent library service for ALL children. www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/index.cfm

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library is a joint project of the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children. The website provides information about the research behind the project, and scripts for different age groups, handouts, posters and other aids for holding workshops with parents/caregivers. Please note that Idaho has adapted these materials to meet the needs of Idaho families. www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/ecrr/index.cfm

Every Child Ready to Read wiki. The purpose of this wiki is to both share information about the project and to solicit ideas and feedback. http://wikis.ala.org/ecrr/index.php/Main_Page

The **Idaho Early Literacy Project**, a project of the Lee Pesky Learning Center, promotes understanding and activities that will enable Idaho children to enter school ready to learn to read. They are currently offering free online and live courses on early literacy. www.lplearningcenter.org/training/idahoearlyliteracyproject.aspx

The **Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County** offers a fun and interactive site. www.storyplace.org/preschool/other.asp

Fathers Reading Every Day (FRED) is a program designed to encourage fathers, grandfathers, and other positive male role models to read to their children on a daily basis. The program aims to increase father involvement in children's literacy development and to improve the quality of father-child relationships. <http://fcs.tamu.edu/families/parenting/fathering/fred/index.php>

Hennepin County Library's birth to age six website. www.hclib.org/BirthTo6/

Fingerplays Plus. When children repeat fingerplays and rhymes they are learning and practicing many important language skills: building vocabulary, rhyming, rhythm, memory, matching words with actions - just to name a few. They can also help develop children's muscle coordination and listening skills as well as strengthen children's understanding of concepts such as counting, colors, and spatial positioning (up, down, behind, etc.). This online collection includes fingerplays with a variety of concepts and movements and some suggestions for related activities. www.nncc.org/Literacy/fingplus.html

The **Washington Learning System** offers parent-child activities as take-home handouts in several languages. You can download these and use them at no charge. www.wlearning.com/

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) has some great resources and handouts available at www.rif.org