

How the program works

- 1) Check out books from the library to read together at home.
- 2) When you return them, get a sticker added to your record for each book.
- 3) If you get stickers for 100 books before kindergarten starts, we'll give you some of your kindergarten supplies for free!
- 4) Every family that signs up will be entered in a drawing for the grown-ups to win a free night on the town.



Things to know:

- ☺ Anybody can read to your child—grandma, uncle, big brother, babysitter, friend of the family. If somebody reads a book with your child, it counts toward the 100 Books!
- ☺ The same book can count toward both the 100 Books program and the Summer Reading Program.



100 Books Before Kindergarten!

Melton Public Library
Summer, 2004



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Reading with your kids can make a difference—and it's fun!

Questions? Call us at **936-2177**.



You can make a difference!



Sharing a book is a special time for both of you.

Children who are read to have an easier time learning to read, and do better in school. In fact, one study found that being read to was the single most important factor for a child's educational success. Reading with your children can make a difference for the rest of their lives, and builds happy memories at the same time.

You are the best person to help your child get ready for school:

- ☺ You know your children best. You know what they like, and you know their moods.
- ☺ Children learn best by doing, and they love doing things with *you*.
- ☺ Young children learn best with short activities they can repeat as much as they want. At home it's easy to play language and reading games for a few minutes at a time any time you want to.
- ☺ The skills that are a part of reading start growing long before a child starts school. What you do at home paves the way!
- ☺ Family can set the best example. Seeing *you* reading, and enjoying what you read, is very powerful!

Learning to Read

We're all born ready to learn to talk; it just comes naturally. Reading and writing, though, are *not* natural!

There are six skills involved in learning to read. Some of them seem simple, but others are hard.

- 1) **Talking:** knowing lots of words
- 2) **Telling stories:** knowing how to put words together
- 3) **Letters:** knowing your ABC's
- 4) **Sounds:** knowing how sounds match up to letters and how they are put together in words
- 5) **Print:** knowing how letters and words work on a page and how pages work in a book
- 6) **Liking books:** knowing that reading is fun and exciting and useful for everybody—not a chore, or something only lazy or boring people do!



We like to read together!

Tips for Reading

You can help your child practice the six reading skills any time. Just talking with them



Books have the coolest stuff inside!

about their day (and your day, too!) gives them a chance to learn new words and to practice telling about what they think and feel. You can go over the alphabet together, you can talk about words, and you can play with the sounds in words and how they're spelled ("Cat starts with C. What else starts with C? I love my cat, and I love crunchy cookies when I'm cruising in the car!").



Reading together tips:

- ☺ Talk about what you see on the page. Ask questions ("What do you think that fox is going to do?" "How many yellow birds can you find?")
- ☺ Sound out words together
- ☺ Explain words your child might not know
- ☺ Play rhyming games with words on the page
- ☺ Talk about the story ("Why did the princess say that? How did that make the frog feel?")
- ☺ Have fun! Reading together should always be a good time.