



READY 2 READ OVERVIEW

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AGENDA FOR TODAY

- X Ready 2 Read Program History and Mission
- X Current Ready 2 Read Programs
- X R2R Training Opportunities
- X How to stay informed on R2R
- X Questions and comments



READY 2 READ HISTORY AND MISSION



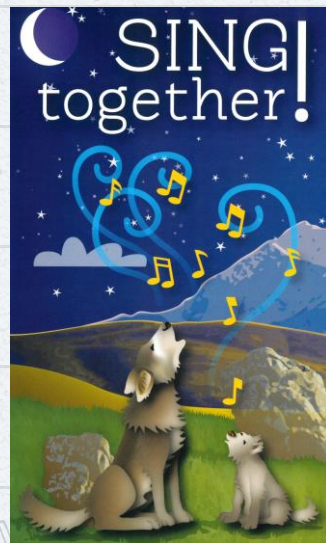
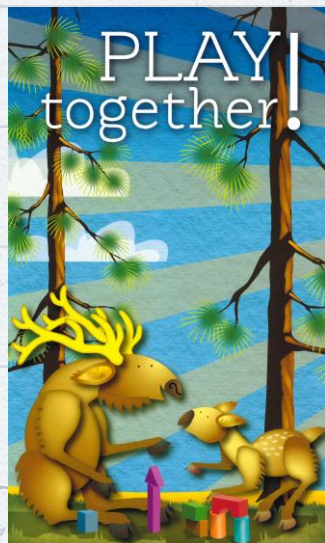
READY 2 READ MISSION

“The main goal of Montana’s Ready 2 Read program is to help parents and caregivers, especially low-income families, understand the value of sharing language and literacy with children, and to help develop their children’s early literacy skills.”



HISTORY OF READY 2 READ

- x Started in 2009 by Sara Groves at MSL
- x Based on ALA's Every Child Ready to Read
- x Read, Write, Talk, Sing, Play!



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together!



TALK!
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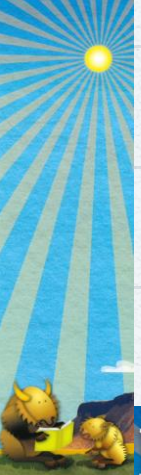
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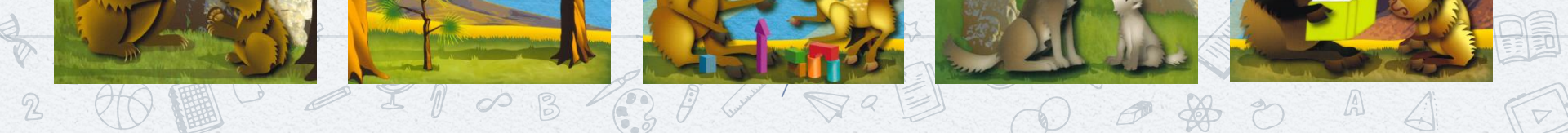
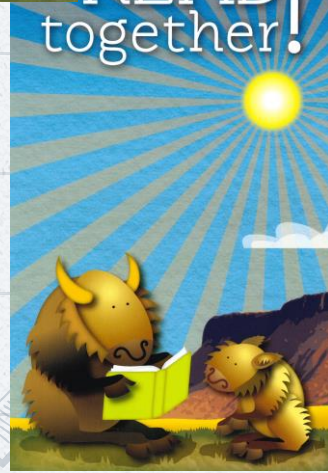
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Ready 2 Read!

Babies

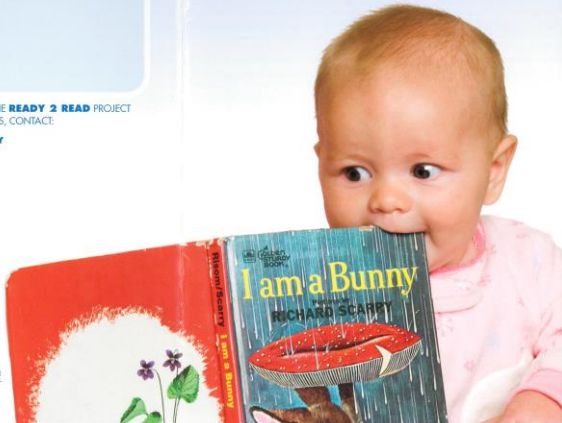
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THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
P.O. BOX 201800
1515 EAST SIXTH AVENUE
HELENA, MT 59620-1800

PHONE: 1.800.338.5087
HTTP://MSL.MT.GOV



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Ready 2 Read!

Reading Milestones

FROM BIRTH TO 3 MONTHS, YOUR BABY:

- Prefers books with high-contrast colors and patterned designs.
- Looks at the pictures but might not want to touch the book.
- Gazes at you when you sing songs or share nursery rhymes.

AT 4-6 MONTHS, YOUR BABY:

- Explores books by putting them in her mouth.
- Investigates books by patting, grabbing, and pulling pages.
- May coo and babble at you when you read.

AT 6-12 MONTHS, YOUR BABY:

- Babbles at some of the pictures.
- Can turn the pages with your help.
- Plays with books like toys.

AT 12-18 MONTHS, YOUR BABY:•

- Can hold or carry books without help.
- Turns pages and looks at books independently.

Tips for Sharing Books with Baby

- Reading with your baby is a valuable way to spend precious time together. Although your new baby will not understand the words you read, your voice and your cuddling are exactly what she needs. Begin sharing books with your baby as soon as you begin to hold her in your lap. It is one of the most important things you can do to help your child learn language.
- Let your baby explore soft cloth, vinyl or board books. Babies learn by exploring with their mouth - sometimes early reading looks like chewing.
- Point to objects in the book and name them.
- Change your voice as you read aloud and make the sounds of the animals' baby sees.
- Ask your baby questions about what's happening on the page, such as, "Where is the duck?" Pause, point and answer for baby, "Oh, look, there's the duck!"
- Respond to your baby's interest. Imitate her responses.
- Improvise! You don't need to read the words as they appear in the book. You can just talk about the pictures.
- Relax and have fun... It's okay if your baby crawls or moves away. She will still hear and benefit from your voice.
- Be sure you like the books you are sharing and that you have a wide variety of board books. Visit your library to choose new books often! Soon you will find which books both you and your baby like best.

What Babies Like

WHAT BABIES LIKE:

- Books with rhyme
- Board books with photos of babies
- Books with bold, clear pictures of familiar items in baby's world
- Books with rhythm and repetition
- Books with textures or touch and feel books
- Books with animal pictures and sounds
- Lullaby books

FOR BABIES 0-6 MONTHS

- Books with simple, large pictures or designs with bright colors
- Stiff cardboard, "chunky" books
- Cloth and soft vinyl books with simple pictures of people or familiar objects that can go in the bath or get washed
- Books with strong contrast, such as "Black on White" by Tana Hoban

FOR BABIES 6-12 MONTHS

- Board books with photos of other babies
- Brightly colored "chunky" board books to touch and taste
- Books with photos of familiar objects like balls and bottles
- Books with sturdy pages that can be propped up or spread out on a blanket
- Plastic/vinyl books for bath time
- Washable cloth books to cuddle and mouth
- Small plastic photo albums of family and friends
- Books with mirror for baby to see himself

Babies

Six Early Literacy Skills

You can help your child develop these six early literacy skills that become the building blocks for later reading and writing!

NARRATIVE SKILLS - Being able to describe things and tell stories.

PRINT MOTIVATION - Being interested in and enjoying books.

VOCABULARY - Knowing the names of things.

PRINT AWARENESS - Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow the words on a page.

LETTER KNOWLEDGE - Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS - Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

Ask your Montana librarian about ways to practice these skills or to recommend books and resources that will give some suggestions on how to encourage the development of these skills.

What Is Early Literacy?

Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write... Research shows that children get ready to read years before they start school. You can help your child learn important skills now so they can become good readers later.

READY 2 READ TEXTING PROGRAM



READY 2 READ TEXTING

- x Started in 2015
- x 8 months of early literacy texts to your phone
- x Focused on 4-year-olds, can easily be scaffolded up or down



Get your four year-old

Ready 2 Read!

Send "SIGNUP" to 406.204.3583 to start receiving texts!

R2R TEXTING OUTREACH

- x Social media toolkit available
- x Graphics with tips you can post
- x Download at:
<https://libraries.msl.mt.gov/earlyliteracy/r2rtexting>



Early Literacy Tip #4

Your conversations with your child help your child learn. Conversations - taking turns talking and listening. TODAY, "converse" about your plans for the week.



READY 2 READ RENDEZVOUS

- x Early literacy focused conference
- x For anyone who works with children
- x In-depth, hands-on learning and practice



READY 2 READ 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

- x 0 – 5 program
- x Easy to start, infinitely flexible and customizable
- x Great success with families
- x Webinar from 10/27:
[https://vimeo.com/47271](https://vimeo.com/472712675)



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READY 2 READ SUPERCHARGED STORYTIME

- x Supercharged Storytime self-paced course from Webjunction
- x Online discussion sessions, 6 or 7 people per cohort
- x Great way to make connections and learn



READY 2 READ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

X MLA Sessions

X Guerrilla Storytime on 4/16
from 3:30 -4:30 pm

X Supercharged Storytime Cohort

X Virtual 2021 R2R Rendezvous

X Webinars

X 1000 Books Before
Kindergarten Panel

X Annual Ready 2 Read
Overview webinar



GUIDED QUESTIONS

- x Is there something missing from Ready 2 Read? What kind of support would you like for early literacy?
- x Any ideas for future programs/directions?
- x Any questions that you have for me?

