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Early Literacy and Libraries in Idaho

**Idaho** is 1 of only 6 states that puts **$0** into early childhood education.

20% of Idaho children entering kindergarten recognize no more than 3 letters of the alphabet + another 26% recognize no more than 10 letters.*

Through 3rd grade, children are learning to read, then they are reading to learn.**

Sources: *Idaho State Department of Education: 2013 Idaho Reading Indicator Scores **Annie E. Casey Foundation 2011  
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More access to books = More reading proficiency.

63.5% of low-income 1st graders were reading at grade level in the spring of 2015.

When they returned as 2nd graders in the fall, only 48.25% were reading at grade level.*

Children who do not read over the summer can lose 3 months of reading achievement.

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