



Read to Me

Providing information, training, technical assistance, and resources for Idaho libraries and their community partners. Our vision is for all parents and caregivers to nurture their children's early literacy skills and for all children to develop as independent readers and become lifelong learners.

Read to Me is a project of the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

Visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/read-to-me> for more information about the following programs:

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARIES



EVERY CHILD READY TO READ

Every Child Ready to Read Family Workshops is a program that involves young children (ages birth to 6) and their parents/caregivers in learning the early literacy skills that help to prepare children for reading success in school. [Apply February - May](#)



MY FIRST BOOKS

The program provides books for at-risk children. This year the Read to Me program is providing books & services for over 3,100 children in 36 library programs throughout the state. [Apply February - April](#)



IDAHO CHILD CARE READS

Librarians host early literacy workshops for child care providers. The Commission provides children's books and a professional development book to those who complete a workshop. [Apply anytime](#)



JUMP START KINDERGARTEN

Librarians encourage parents of children registering for kindergarten to "Get a Jump Start on Reading @ Your Library." Participating librarians provide early literacy information and a free book to each child and his/her family during kindergarten registration. [Apply anytime](#)



SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is the most popular library literacy program. Kids enjoy special programs and reading adventures, and at the same time keep their reading skills sharp for the coming school year. [Apply for Bright Futures January - March](#)



YEAR-ROUND UNDERSERVED PROGRAM

Many libraries are trying to do more outreach throughout the school year as well as summer and this program provides resources to enhance these outreach visits and increase the number of families with access to books in their homes. [Apply anytime](#)



FAMILY READING WEEK

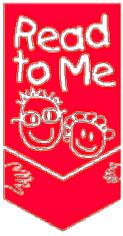
An annual statewide celebration of family reading as a great family activity. Local libraries plan a variety of events to reinforce the fun and value of reading. The Commission provides support materials for libraries hosting FRW events. [See website for more information.](#)



EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS/EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

An annual celebration of children and books held on April 30. The Commission provides promotional materials and books to libraries which host events to reinforce the fun and value of reading. [See website for more information.](#)

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Idaho's Read to Me Resources

Many free resources supporting early literacy can be found at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/read-to-me-resources>

FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ANYONE



[THE SCOOP E-NEWSLETTER](#)

The Scoop is a monthly e-newsletter containing fun, inspiring, and innovative ideas for youth services librarians. Subscribe at no charge at

<http://libraries.idaho.gov/the-scoop>.



[THE BOOKWORM NEWSLETTERS FOR PARENTS](#)

A monthly early literacy skills newsletter written for parents. Each month the Read to Me program produces three early literacy newsletters featuring a different book of the month and ideas for building early literacy skills. They make great storytime handouts too! We also have six “generic” versions of the Bookworm available in English or Spanish. Subscribe at no charge at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bookworm> and these will appear in your email or mobile devices.



[EARLY LITERACY STATIONS](#)

Created for librarians to use during parent workshops, family events, or storytimes. Activities for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and early school-age, based on the Six Early Literacy Skills.

[SIX SKILLS ACTIVITY SHEETS](#)

Take-home activity sheets that reinforce each of the Six Early Literacy skills. Use for enhanced storytimes, literacy stations, Tubby Buddy boxes, and parent workshops. These are available in English and Spanish.



[SURVEY INSTRUMENTS](#)

We are happy to share the parent surveys we've used for all of our programs and the evaluation reports highlight successful and challenging areas of our programs. If you can't find what you're looking for on our website, please contact a Read to Me coordinator at the Commission and we'll help you locate what you're looking for.

Contact any of the Read to Me Team Members -- [Stephanie](#), [Staci](#), [Erica](#), or [Julie](#) -- at 1-800-458-3271 if you need help locating additional resources or have any questions about Read to Me programs.