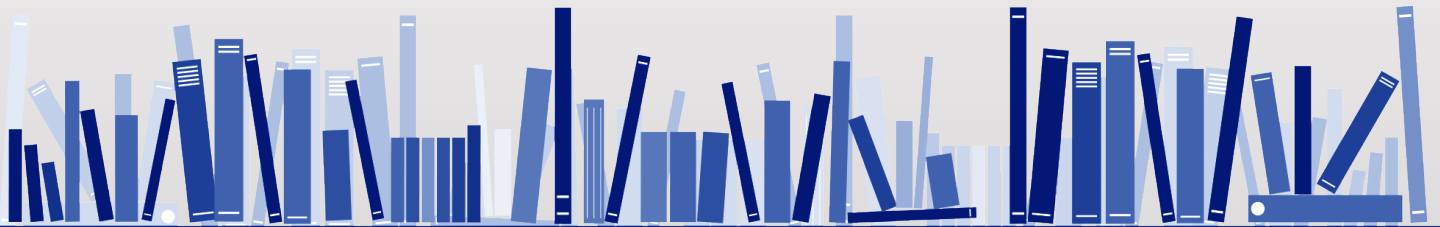


Literacy Facts

▶ When children are able to read on a **3rd grade** level, they have a greater chance of finishing school and having more career options.

▶ Want to help your child start strong in grades **K-2**? You have the power to prepare your child to learn to read by singing, talking, and reading books to them when they are babies and toddlers.



What Can You Do?

AS A PARENT

1. Read, talk and sing to your children often each and every day. Books, in particular, expose children to many words and are a great bonding strategy for you and your child.
2. Use daily routines such as grocery shopping, riding in a car or bus, cooking and doing laundry as opportunities for you to play games with your child, talk to your child about what you are doing and explore the objects around you.
3. Visit free public spaces, such as museums, parks, libraries or other to check out books and/or read, see new places and objects, and have a fun, learning experience.



AS A VOLUNTEER

1. Clean out your home library or hold a book drive in your neighborhood, civic club, book club or church. Donate the new or used children's books to a literacy-based non-profit in your area that serves children in need.
2. Find volunteer opportunities in your neighborhood at AllForGood.org. Opportunities may include reading to a child in need at a school or library, serving as a literacy mentor to a child and/or their parent, or helping a local nonprofit at a literacy event.
3. Provide your talent to a local literacy nonprofit by providing pro-bono services in your career field or by serving on a board or committee.

