



Resources on Reading to Children

The Importance of Reading on Early Childhood Development

If you have visited our Facebook page, you will have seen many posts about reading to babies and children. This is because it is so important to their development.

Children are born with a love of language. They learn words by listening to you and mimicking what you say, right from their earliest days.

Reading books aloud to babies, infants and children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together.



Reading aloud to babies and to children helps your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills. It sparks your child's imagination and stimulates curiosity. It helps develop your child's brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills.

Talking, singing and reading to your child builds their vocabulary and talking and listening skills.



Other resources

ReadOnCanada.ca

Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation

Tips and Resources

<https://childrensliteracy.ca/Tips-Resources>

Video for health professionals/educators

Early Words program

Building Healthy Brains - The Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7erA5OO_VzU&t=142s

Today's Parent

An age-by-age-guide to reading to your kids.

There's more to story time than just reading the words on the page. Help your kids learn new vocabulary and develop empathy and self-control with these expert tips.

<https://www.todayparent.com/family/parenting/reading-to-kids-age-by-age-guide/>

The Little Red Reading House

Little Red Reading House is a two-story house in a historic Calgary neighbourhood. It's a place you can visit so children can experience the joy of reading in an environment created for that sole purpose.

<https://www.littleredreading.house/>

Calgary Public Library

Membership is free.

"Healthy development in early childhood sets the course for a child's future, leads to kindergarten readiness, and prepares children for lifelong learning success."

Find an [Early Learning Centre](#) near you with opportunities for kids ages zero to five to learn, play, and take part in activities and games.

<https://calgarylibrary.ca/connect/babies-and-toddlers/>