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Resource & Referral Handout

Read to Your Children

1. Read to your new baby: greeting cards, the newspaper, cereal boxes. It's the sounds that are important.
2. Introduce simple pictures and story books as the baby grows. The shapes and colors will delight, and listening leads to learning.
3. Make regular visits to the library. Let children select their own books.
4. Make the bedtime story a regular family event. Even older children will enjoy reading aloud if the right books are there.
5. Remember poetry? The short verses are perfect for short attention spans. Even little ones can hear the rhyming words.
6. Have children read aloud to you while you cook, iron, sew, and sort laundry.
7. Use television to encourage reading. Read more about people, places, or things that interest your family on TV.
8. Keep plenty of reading materials around the house. Store children's books on low shelves within their reach.
9. Let your children see you reading. Talk about what you read.
10. Have good reading lights everywhere - especially by the beds.
11. Give books as gifts. Let your children know you think books are special.

RAISE A READER!