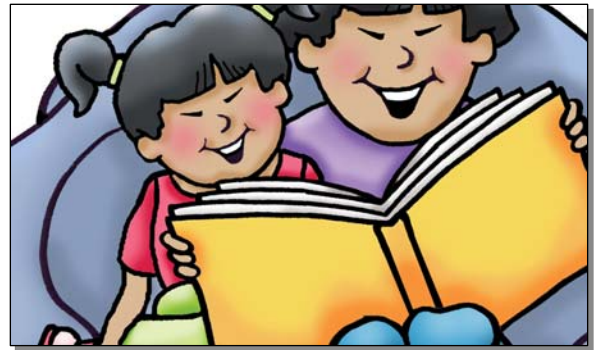


Expanded Access to Raising Readers Books



For 10 years, Raising Readers has provided age-appropriate books to all Maine children at birth and at each well child visit through age five. Books in the home provide opportunities for parents and children to enjoy books together but the story does not end there. Those books are also a resource that can be used in childcare, family literacy, libraries, and other settings.

In 2010 collaborations were established with select public libraries and the state's network of childcare Resource Development Centers to provide access to Raising Readers books so they can be integrated into services and programming provided by a variety of organizations.

Raising Readers distributes a new collection of 12 books each year. The 2009 and 2010 Collections are now available at the following location. Subsequent collections will be added annually.

Find the Raising Readers Collections at these eight public libraries:

Belfast Free Library
Camden Public Library
Cherryfield Public Library
Paris Public Library
Skowhegan Public Library
Strong Public Library
Thompson Free Library (Dover-Foxcroft)
Waldoboro Public Library

Raising Readers has also produced a series of anthologies of children's books by Maine authors and illustrators. Copies of each anthology are available at ALL public libraries in the state.

Find library info at: <http://www.state.me.us/msl/services/findlibs.htm>

The Collections are also available at the eight childcare Resource Development Centers:

Aroostook Community Action Program RDC – Presque Isle
Carelink RDC – Sanford
Childcare Opportunities – Ellsworth
Childcare Options RDC – Farmingdale
Childcare Connections RDC – Scarborough
Finders Seekers RDC – Auburn
Midcoast RDC – Bath
Penquis RDC – Bangor

FMI: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/devcenters.htm>