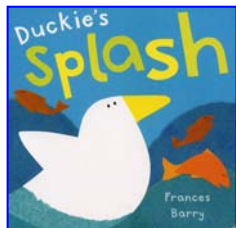




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New Title

Duckie's Splash is the new 12-month book. It replaces **Baby's Busy World** and will start shipping this month.

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Raising Readers Update

A Picture is Worth a 1,000 Words



The issue. 1 in 5 Maine adults can't read well enough to function independently in his or her daily life. Some may not even be able to read Raising Readers books to their children!

An answer. A picture is worth a 1,000 words. Encourage parents with literacy challenges, or for whom English is a second language, to tell a story about the pictures in the book! If the book has pictures of dogs or cats, the parent could tell a story about a pet they had as a child.

One of our book selection criteria is that the illustrations in the book must tell the story on their own. Encourage parents to take advantage of this!

This is an idea that can be used to support parents in "reading" to their kids no matter their literacy challenge.

Reminder: Refer parents who need help with reading to the Adult Learning Opportunities Hotline at **1-800-322-5455**.

Ready for School?



Summer is almost here! That often means an increased demand for 5-year books as kids flock in for their final well child visit before school. You may need to order extra 5 year books to accommodate the load.



Thanks for helping make sure Maine kids are ready for school. By encouraging families to read together and ensuring they have books in their homes, you send Maine's 5 year olds off to school with a big advantage.

What's Your Favorite?

Let us know what you think -- write a review of your favorite Raising Readers book. It's easy!



- 1) Go to: www.raisingreaders.org.
- 2) In the **Books** section, click on the title you want to review.
- 3) Scroll down to **Write a Review**.

The first 20 people to post a review will receive a Raising Readers t-shirt!