



# Raising Readers Update

## Help Kids Gain Pre-Reading Skills

Emergent literacy is what a child needs to know *before* he or she can learn to read. Learn more about the two of the six skills children need to acquire to learn to read. Watch upcoming newsletters for more information about the key early literacy skills.



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Skill #1: Print motivation – thinking that books and reading are fun.  
**Children who enjoy books will want to learn how to read.**

Skill #2: Vocabulary – knowing the names of things.  
**Children with bigger vocabularies become better readers.**  
(Source: *Utah Kids Ready to Read, Utah State Library*)

Healthcare providers across the state are helping children acquire these skills by providing books and encouraging families to read together. The end result: Maine kids ready to learn to read!

## Thank you! And the Winners are...

Thanks to everyone who completed their QI Surveys. We'll share the results with you soon. Winners of Raising Readers sweatshirts were:

### Health Center Site Coordinators

Vicki Robbins - Corinth Family Medicine  
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## Technical Difficulties

In mid-June we experienced a glitch in our online reporting and ordering system that prevented some orders from getting through for a day or two. Many of you have kindly adopted the online system and we're sorry this problem popped up -- especially for first time users who may now be a little skeptical. The problem has been corrected and the system is working well.

If you're not sure an order got through, you can use the **Site History** function to check. If an order got through, it will be listed in your order and report history. If it isn't there, you should resubmit it. If you place an order and don't receive it in 3-5 business days give us a call and we'll check on it. Thanks for your patience!

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