

Site Update

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Raising
Readers

Your Site + Raising Readers = Books in the Home

It seems we're all busier than ever, somehow finding time to work one more task into each day. As the new year begins, we thank you for making Raising Readers one of the things that you do day in and day out.

You're involvement in the program makes a difference. Consider this excerpt from the report: *Early Warning! Why Reading by the End of the Third Grade Matters.*

*"Too many children from low-income families lack early interactions that foster linguistic development, including verbal interactions with parents, **being read to, and access to books in their home**, compared with children from middle-income families...preschoolers whose parents (especially mothers) **read to them**, tell stories or sing songs tend to **develop larger vocabularies, become better readers, and perform better in school**, while children who lack this stimulation during early childhood tend to arrive at school with measurably weaker language, cognitive and memory skills. By age 3, children from wealthier families typically have heard 30 million more words than children from low-income families."*



(Source: Early Warning! Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters, A. E. Casey Foundation, 2010)

In Maine, you are a critical part of ensuring that the state's young children have books in their home and encouraging parents to read with their families. Thanks for making time to help prepare children for success in school, and later in life.

New Members of the Raising Readers Family

A warm welcome to the sites that have joined our statewide network over the last few months.

Pines St. John Valley Health Center—Van Buren

Sabattus Street Primary Care—Lewiston

Redington Medical Primary Care—Norridgewock

The Family Doc—Karen Hover, MD—Bangor

Midcoast Midwifery—Whitefield



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