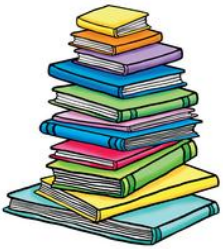


RAISING READERS IS ENDING MARCH 29, 2024

Here's what you need to know



Q: Why is Raising Readers ending?

A: After 23 remarkable years, the longstanding funding for the program has come to an end. For updated information about other emergent literacy programs coming to Maine, visit raisingreaders.org.

Q: When will my child receive their last Raising Readers book?

A: Each doctor's office will have a limited supply of Raising Readers books once the program ends. They will continue to give books to Maine children until they run out.



Q: Will I receive a Raising Readers tote at the hospital after March?

A: Hospitals and midwives have a limited supply of Raising Readers totes in stock. They will continue to give totes to babies born in Maine until they run out.

Q: Will doctors in Maine continue to promote reading aloud to children?

A: Yes! Pediatricians, family medicine doctors, nurse practitioners, and clinical staff all believe that reading aloud to children is important. Continue to read to your little ones every day. If you'd like to read new titles (or even old favorites), we encourage you to visit your local library often to borrow books.



Q: How can my family continue to receive books?

A: As funding becomes available over the next several years, programs like these two will have more reach throughout Maine.

Ask your healthcare provider if they know about Reach out and Read (ROR) and they're expansion efforts in Maine. Like Raising Readers, ROR's mission is to incorporate books into primary care through age 5. Learn more [here](https://rorne.org/maine) (<https://rorne.org/maine>)

Too, you may be eligible to receive a book in the mail every month through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL). Families can check availability [here](http://bit.ly/dpilavailability) (<http://bit.ly/dpilavailability>) and learn more about DPIL [here](https://bit.ly/dpilinfo) (<https://bit.ly/dpilinfo>)

Have more questions?

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