

DID YOU KNOW?

The more experience young children have with language, the more their brains will grow. Children who are spoken to and read to by their families when they are young do better in school, read better, are more likely to graduate high school, and are more likely to be employed as adults.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START!

Children love to be held and to hear your voice. Cuddle up together and look at books.

A FEW MINUTES IS OKAY

Young children may sit still for only a few minutes. They will listen longer as they grow.

LET YOUR CHILD TURN THE PAGES

Children get excited to see what is on the next page. Let them turn the page after you guess at what is going to be there.

READ FAVORITE STORIES OVER AND OVER

Children love to hear the same stories again and again. This is how they learn.

Only 18 slots available, applications will be accepted on a "first come first serve" basis.

Dear Parents,

Do you love reading with your child? Do you spend time at the library looking through amazing books and searching for the perfect book to take home?

Do you cuddle up in bed with your child at night and read him/her their favorite bedtime story? If so, you already know the joy and bond that comes with time spent sharing books with your child. If these practices are not part of your daily routine, it is never too late to start!

The Caswell County Partnership for Children is excited to partner with Gunn Memorial Library to provide the Raising A Reader (RAR) program! A regular reading schedule helps to build healthy brains, healthy family relationships, a love of reading, and the literacy skills that are critical for school success.



How Does the Raising A Reader

Program Work?



Each week your child will come home with a bright red RAR bag filled with four (4) age appropriate, high-quality, and engaging picture books. Parents/caregivers will be invited to participate in parent workshops providing strategies to effectively share books with their children and learn how critical the first five years of life are to healthy brain development. Families will also be connected with their local public library. At the end of the program, children will receive a blue library book bag and

books to keep. These bags can be used to continue the practice of borrowing books from their local library and build a lifelong habit of reading.



Parents Play a KEY Role in Raising A Reader!

If you are like most parents, you want your child to be well prepared for success in school.

Learning to read well is critical to your child's future success. Your role as a parent is to simply spend time sharing books and stories with your child. You don't need fancy toys or expensive computer games. Your mind, your voice, your ideas, your time, and your love are what your children need most to reach their potential.

For more information about the Raising A Reader program or Caswell County Partnership for Children, visit this website: <http://www.caswellchildren.org/> or contact Joyce Bustamante at ccpfcjbustamante@esinc.net or by phone at 336.694.1538.

To sign up your 0-5 years old child (not currently enrolled in preschool or K), please complete and return application to: Gunn Memorial Library or Caswell County Partnership for Children.

Parent and child **MUST** attend **September 25, 2019 @ 10 am** at Gunn Memorial Library as your acceptance will be announced and the first bag rotation will begin.

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Child _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent(s) _____

Address _____

Best Contact Number _____ (H), (W), (C) _____

Is there any other child that will benefit from this program that lives at home? Y/N

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

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By signing this document, you are agreeing to participate in a weekly program (Sept 25th 2019-May 27th 2020) that involves weekly shared reading and weekly book bag rotation as well as 3 parent workshops.

Parent/Guardian

Date