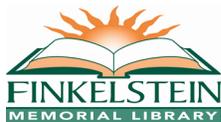


## RAISE A READER

*Here are some tips to get your child to love reading:*

- Begin reading together when your child is born. It's never too early to read to your baby. When you hold your baby close and look at a book together, your baby will enjoy snuggling and hearing your voice as well as the story. Feeling safe and secure with you while looking at a book builds your baby's confidence and love of reading.
- Being a toddler is all about action. Everyday experiences are full of opportunities to engage in conversation, sing silly songs and develop language skills. Toddlers need to move, so don't worry if they act out stories or just skip, romp, or tumble as you read to them. They may be moving, but they are listening.
- Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.
- Choose a comfortable place to sit, such as a rocking chair, away from distractions. Read with expression and vary the pace of your reading.
- Be a role model; let your child see you reading, whether it's a book, newspaper or magazine.



## Reading = Success

### Tips when reading:

- Read the Title, Author's Name, and Illustrator
- Ask your child to make predictions on the story based on the cover and as the story progresses.
- Ask your child what is happening in the pictures.
- Move your finger as you read under the word you are saying so your child understand that you read left to right and top to bottom. Though you don't need to do this all the time.
- Ask your child to identify animals, numbers, colors and other objects
- Have Fun and...
- Reread the same books again...and again... and again.

*Read It Again  
.... Please*



### **What to keep in mind when children ask for a book to be read over & over again:**

- They like the story.
- They like the attention & feel close to the parents, caregiver, teacher, or librarian.
- They are receiving the information.
- They are getting emotional support.
- They are slowly beginning to understand written language & make literary connections.

Young children love predictability and the feeling of security. These two emotions are often the most important, longest-lasting benefits to be gained by repeated readings of a favorite book...

**Be patient.**