



# Raising Readers Update

## Part II: Help Kids Gain Pre-Reading Skills

Children need to acquire six pre-reading skills to learn to read. These skills are part of **emergent literacy** -- defined as what a child needs to know *before* he or she can learn to read. Watch for additional information in upcoming newsletters.



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**Skill #3: Print awareness** – recognizing print & understanding how books work.

**Children who are comfortable with print become better readers.**

**Skill #4: Narrative skills** – being able to tell stories & describe things.  
**Being able to tell and re-tell stories helps children to understand what they read.**

*(Source: Utah Kids Ready to Read, Utah State Library)*

**TIP:** You can download a parent handout on the pre-reading skills from our website.

Go to: [www.raisingreaders.org](http://www.raisingreaders.org).

Click on the **Parent** tab.

Then click on **Literacy Resources**.

Look for the document titled: *Help Your Child Gain the 6 Pre-Reading Skills*

## Administrative Coordinator Joins RR Staff

Please join us in welcoming Shawn Hutchinson to the staff of Raising Readers. Shawn is our administrative coordinator and helps support participating sites. He is located in the Portland office and can be reached at 541-7531.

### Questions?

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## Welcome New Sites

Thanks to the support of birth centers and medical practices across the state, Raising Readers reaches nearly all children under age five. These six new sites bring the total number of participating sites to **376**. A warm welcome to:



Mothers Moon – Freedom  
Midcoast Primary Care Pediatrics - Brunswick  
Laura Bridgman, FNP, ND – Waterville\Bangor  
Topsham Family Medicine  
Knapp Family Practice – Livermore Falls  
Sebasticook Regional Family Care – Carmel