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Moving? Merging? Closing?

Please inform us ahead of time if any of these things are happening at your site. It will help us keep your contact information up-to-date or in the case of a merger or closure to get final report details and pick up any remaining books for future use. Thanks.

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Raising Readers Update

New for 2008

New titles for 2008 will begin to turnover in late January/early February. Read on for some parent coaching tips specific to each book. Try sharing them with parents when a book is given – you'll help them get the most out of reading to their child.

Little White Duck moves into the two month slot in late January.



Parent Coaching Tips

Young infants will be amused by a change of tone in your voice as you read, by the expressions on your face and by the attempts you make to engage them in conversation and book reading. So have fun with **Little White Duck** – the more enjoyable the experience for both of you, the more lasting the healthy habit of reading will become for your family.

Counting Cockatoos

becomes the 18 month book by mid-February.



Parent Coaching Tips

Numbers and words with the same beginning sound pepper this book, making it a favorite for toddlers who are beginning to count and like repeating sounds over and over. "Slinking snakes" is just one of the tongue teasers in this book that will have your toddler enjoying early awareness of distinct sounds at this young age.

Make the Switch

December's special site update convinced a number of you to give online reporting and ordering a try. Thank you!

It's not too late to switch, just give us a call and we'll set you up with a user name and password.



We created some confusion by sending copies of new forms to all sites (even to those who had been using the online system). You don't have to use the new forms. In fact, we'd prefer it if you stayed with the online system. We provided the forms to those sites merely as back up.

Those sites that can't use the online system should start using the new paper forms right away. Throw those old forms away now!

Timely Tip: Managing Inventory

Keep your inventory close to your actual usage each month to ensure you can start using a new title as soon as possible. You won't have a lot of the old title to use up before moving to the new title.

For budgetary and inventory reasons it's important that you use the books you have on hand before moving on to the new title. Need help managing your book inventory? Give us a call – we're here to help.



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