

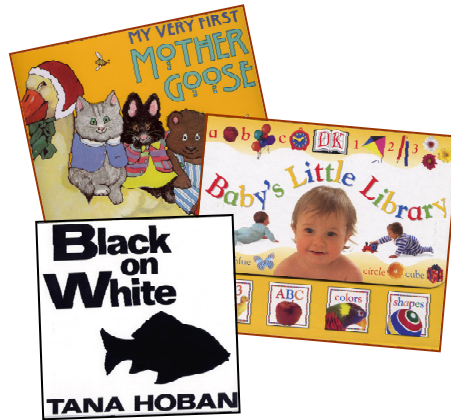


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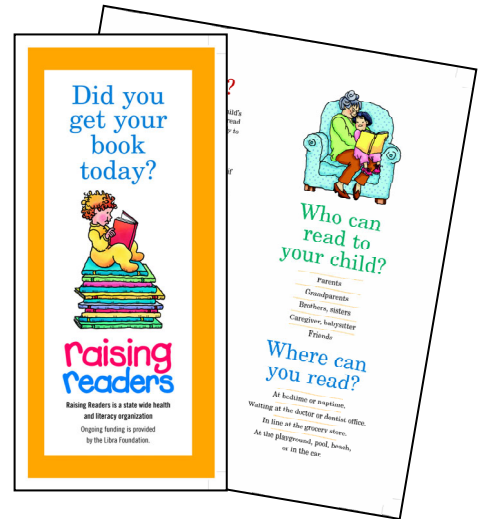
New Books for Newborn Totes

Hospitals and birth centers across the state introduce Maine families to Raising Readers by giving the family a tote with three books. Just as the books given out at well child visits turnover, so do the books in the newborn totes.



Totes with the new books will begin shipping in February. The new titles are: *Baby's Little Library*, *My Very First Mother Goose* and *Black on White*. As always, old inventory should be used before ordering new totes. Thanks!

New Parent Brochure



Geared to new parents, parents moving into the state, grandparents, and anyone who comes in contact with Maine children ages birth - five, this plain-language, introductory brochure will be mailed to all participating sites the week of February 19th. The brochure explains the Raising Readers program and offers tips on reading aloud to children.

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Dog Blue: Complete with Activities

Have you wanted to hand out the book-related activities with the books but haven't had time to print them off the website? Well, there's good news.

The new four year book, *Dog Blue*, has them printed right in the book. Check out the inside front cover for a special message from Raising Readers. Flip to the back of the book for a page of activities related to the book.

