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Children Develop Pre-Reading Skills in Early Years

Children develop key early literacy skills during the first five years of life. These skills prepare them to learn and succeed. Here are ways parents can help children with these skills.

Narrative skills – parents can model how to tell a story by reading picture books with a child.

Letter knowledge – parents can help their child begin to learn about letters of the alphabet by pointing out the names of different letters in alphabet books.

Vocabulary – parents can use picture books with their child to point out the names of things they come in contact with every day: fruits, vegetables, cars, dogs, etc.

Phonological awareness – parents can read books to their child to help them learn different sounds, like a cow mooing or a dog barking by reading books. Books based on songs or containing rhymes also help the child learn new sounds.

Print motivation – parents should discover what interests their child and then choose books with similar themes that they both can enjoy together. Choose books that are interactive and get the child involved.

Print awareness – parents should demonstrate to their child how to hold and care for a book and how to turn the pages.

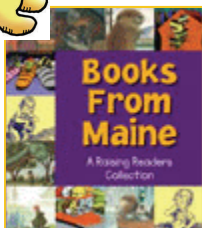
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Still to Come: One More Book Celebration

By the time you read this, the first of our **Book Celebrations** will have been held at the Maine Discovery Museum in Bangor. Families closer to Portland can still look forward to the event at the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine in Portland on November 5th.



Join picture book creators Amy MacDonald, Scott Nash and Lynn Plourde for read alouds, book signings and fun book-related activities as the stories in *Books from Maine: A Raising Readers Collection* come to life.



Additional information on this free event is available in the What's New section at www.raisingreaders.org.

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