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# Raising Readers Update

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## A Thank You for the Libra Foundation

Raising Readers wouldn't exist without the financial support of the Libra Foundation. Through their generosity the program has given 1.3 million books to Maine children in the last eight years. In challenging times like these, funders appreciate hearing about the impact of the programs they support.

If you'd like to share your appreciation for all the beautiful books you receive for your patients, write to:

**Libra Foundation Trustees, POB 17516, Portland, ME 04112.**

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## Get Forms 24/7

[raisingreaders.org/getforms](http://raisingreaders.org/getforms)

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## Books More Important Than Ever

Challenging economic times make it difficult for parents to buy books for their children – making books received through Raising Readers even more important.



We continue to hear from providers that these are often the only books children have in their homes. Thanks for continuing to support the program and helping us get books to Maine families!

## Supporting Parents Too

A parent who can read can raise a child who can read. A parent's reading level has a big impact on the reading ability of her children. Support your patients and their families by referring adults who need help with reading to the: **Adult Learning Opportunities Hotline – 1-800-322-5455.**

## Literacy Calendars Arriving in January

The 2009 edition of the Maine Early Care & Education Calendar will arrive at sites in early January. Once again this year, the calendar features the books that will be used in this year's Raising Readers collection.

Be sure to check out the calendar for activities that correlate to each of the books. There's a wealth of information in the calendar that can be shared with families to help them get the most out of their Raising Readers books.

