

Parent Quotes:

- “I appreciate the bags being prefilled with age-appropriate and multicultural materials. Working full time prevents me from going to the library frequently. Without this program, my child would not be able to enjoy the variety of books that he is exposed to as a Raising A Reader participant!” “Thank you!”
- “My son gets so excited to see what different types of books are in his bag, and it is our way of special one-on-one time together.”
- “Encourages children to read books that they might not pick for themselves. We especially love the Spanish and Bilingual books.”
- “Both my son and daughter love the new stories they get to read every night, and their vocabulary has improved.”
- “My children are begging me to read to them. I never thought this would happen.”
- “My daughter doesn’t want to exchange the books, because she loves them.”
- “It brings us together, increases his vocabulary and increases his interest in reading.”

Read with me...

Raising A Reader is available throughout Mono County. Check with your local library, your child’s daycare or preschool provider.



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**For more information about Raising A Reader, contact your local Mono County library, a participating Mono County child care provider or Kacee Mahler
Early Literacy Coordinator
Mammoth Lakes Library
Phone: 760-934-4777**



Raising A Reader’s mission is to engage caregivers in a routine of book sharing with their children from birth through age eight to foster healthy brain development, healthy relationships, a love of reading, and the literacy skills critical for school success.

The first years of life are critical to a child’s lifelong development. Healthy nurturing environments set the stage for future success in learning and life. Please take time each day to PLAY, CREATE, MOVE, TALK, OBSERVE AND **READ.**

**Raising A Reader
is an award-winning
early literacy program
for families with children
from birth to age five.**

How The Program Works:

1. Check out a **Red Book Bag** at a Mono County Library or a participating preschool/child care provider.
2. Children and family members read, look through, and talk about the books together.
3. Return the book bag and receive a new one with different books and the cycle continues.
4. Children who have participated with the program and are attending Kindergarten the following fall, will receive their very own **Blue Book Bag** to keep and use each time they visit their local library.



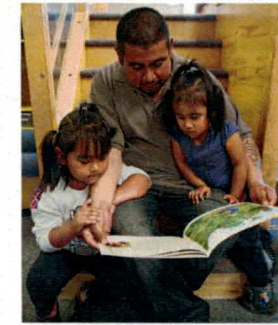
**Over 250 families
throughout Mono
County participate
in the Raising A Reader Program
annually.**



About Our Book Collection:

Each **Red Book Bag** will include four award winning, age appropriate books. Book titles are carefully chosen to represent a wide selection of themes including:

- Rhythm and Rhyme
- Concept
- Colors
- Numbers
- Alphabet
- Shapes
- Opposites
- Wordless/Light Text
- Mixed Diversity Themes/Multicultural
- Developmental Stages
- Bilingual
- Nature/Environment
- Social Emotional/Well Being
- Cause/Effect
- Predictability/Repetitive Patterns
- STEM



**Children are made readers
on the laps of their parents.**
~ Emilie Buchwald~

Reading Aloud - It's Okay:

- To only read part of the book
- If you make mistakes
- If you don't read well
- If you only talk about the pictures
- If your child won't sit still
- If your child wants to hold the book and turn the pages

Make It fun:

- Spend quality time with your child
- Experience different books and the wonders they bring
- Expand the imagination
- **READ EVERYDAY**

Outcomes:

- Parent/caregiver and child bonding
- Interest in books and reading
- Oral language and early literacy skills; Making connections between stories and real life, understanding that print is a way of communication
- Higher level thinking skills like increased Comprehension & Problem Solving