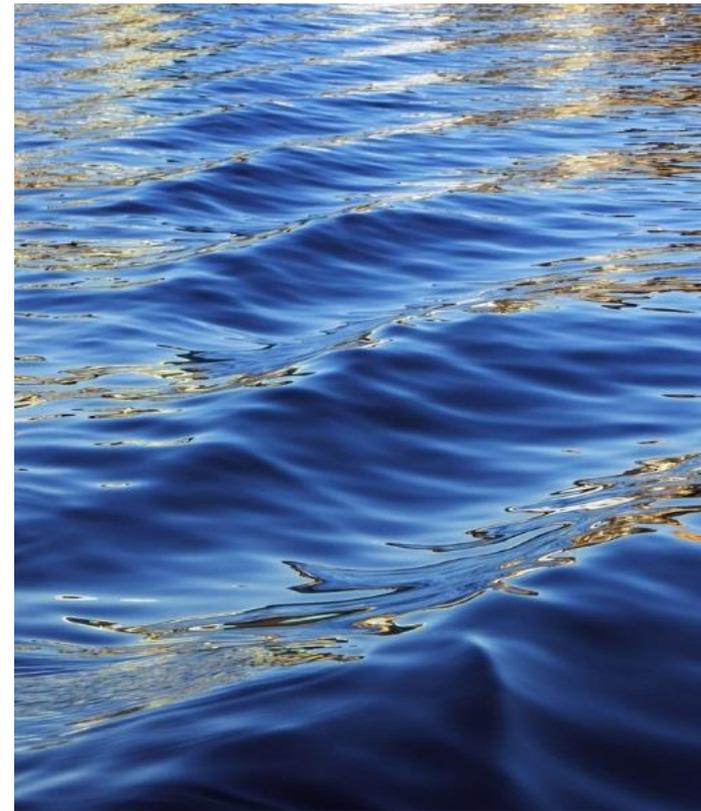




Helping young children learn to read

What parents can do



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3t7bqPOPkSU>



Building strong parent partnerships

Parents play an important role in the education of their children.

Much of what children learn takes place through **everyday experiences at home**.

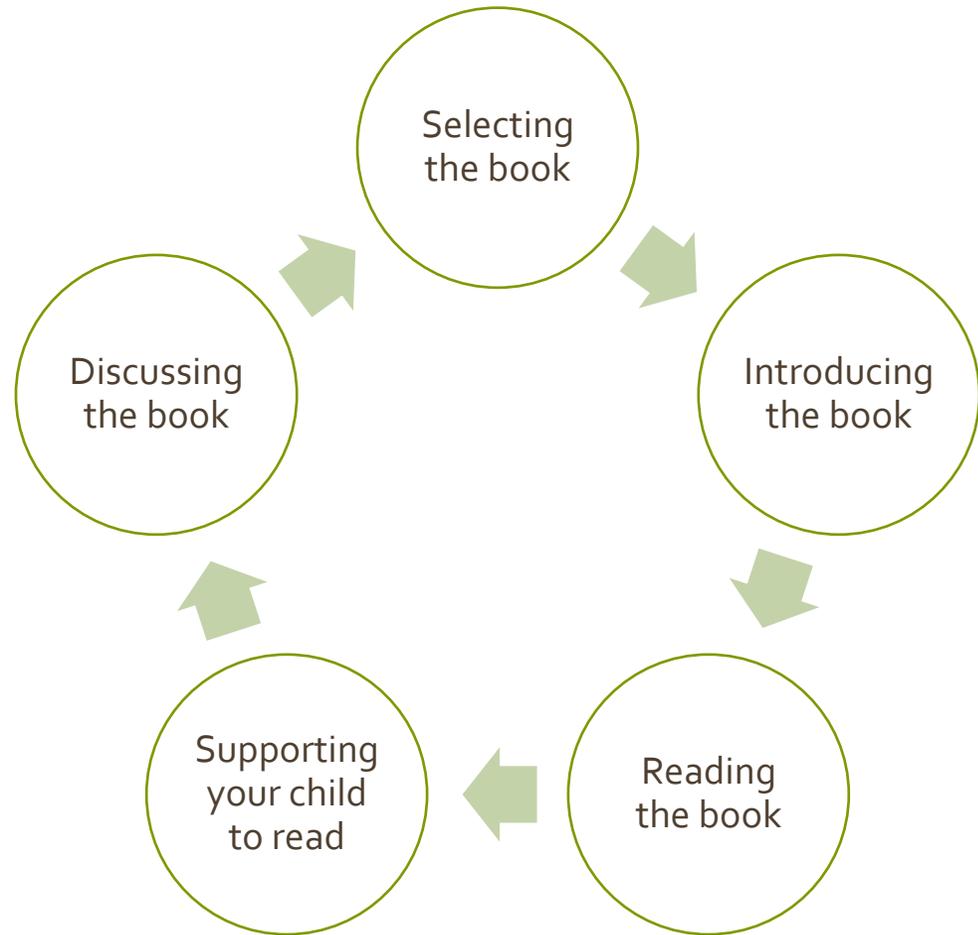
- Children's literacy and numeracy development can be improved when parents **encourage learning through everyday activities**. Modelling literacy and numeracy behaviours helps children recognise the value of these skills.

Examples

- children watching and listening to parents read
- children reading and talking about stories with parents
- discussing ideas in books and magazines together
- encouraging children to think and ask questions

What is literacy?

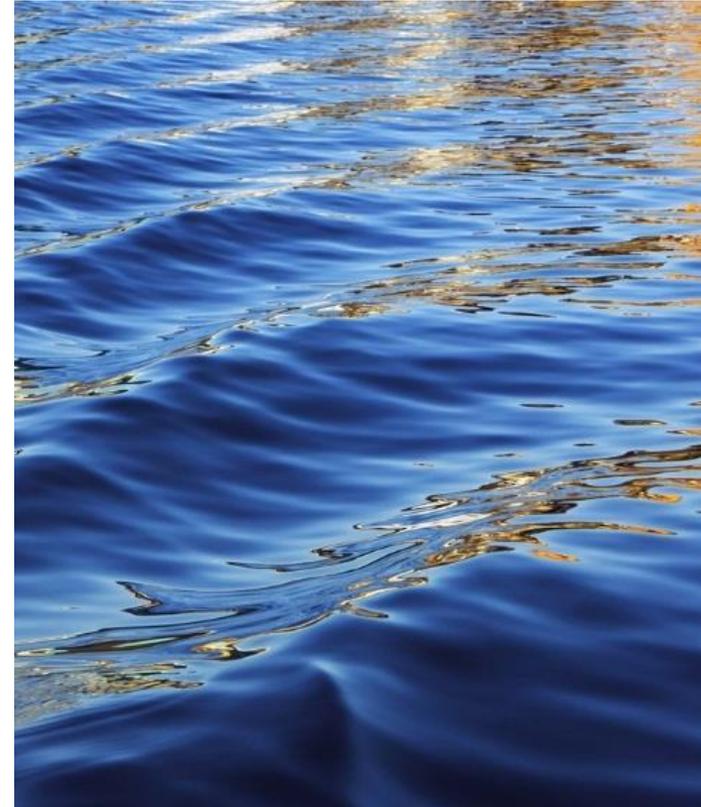
- reading and writing
- speaking and listening
- viewing and critical thinking





Children benefit when given opportunities to develop their literacy skills.

talking to others
reading a book
listening to a story
writing a story
reading a sign
viewing a website
playing a computer game
watching a movie together
talking about a television program
going shopping
playing a board game



Literacy activities to develop a child's ability to read

What you can do

- Play with language by making up rhyming words.
- Reading includes looking at pictures for younger children.
- Nurture a love of reading with your child.
- Make regular trips to your local library to borrow books.
- Ask others to give books as gifts to your child.
- Always make reading time an enjoyable time for you both.
- Read and chant nursery rhymes.
- Point to a letter on a sign or in other reading material and ask your child to name it and/or provide the sound.

What you can do

- **Have conversations and ask questions** about interesting words you encounter.
- **Read aloud to your child** to provide an example of how fluent reading sounds. At times, have your child match your voice.
- **Discuss the meanings of unknown words** that your child hears and reads.
- Ask your child questions about what he or she has read.
- **Help your child make connections** between what he or she reads and similar experiences he or she has felt, seen in a movie or read in another book.

Using the library

Libraries are a treasure chest for young readers with audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and magazines as well as books.

They also have free internet access and special storytelling sessions for children.

Visiting the library is a great way to:

1. Encourage your child's reading and show them you value books and reading
show your child all the different things to read
2. Involve the whole family in a regular activity
look for their favourite authors and illustrators
3. Use resources that might not be available at home
join in library holiday activities