

Early Literacy Checklist

Get free books into your child's hands.

Visit a Little Free Library in Baxter County

- Quail Run/Meadow Park Apartments - Mtn. Home
- Cooper Park - Mtn. Home
- Mountain Home Kindergarten - Mtn. Home
- Gassville City Park - Gassville
- Norfolk Headstart - Norfolk
- Big Spring Park - Cotter

Sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Get free books in the mail every month. Enroll at the Baxter County Library.

Visit the Baxter County Library's Children's Library

Don't know what books to pick? Ask a children's librarian for recommendations.

Swap Books with Other Parents

Want some new reading material for your child? Trade your books with other parents.

Read aloud with your child.

Attend Babies & Books at the Baxter County Library

Every Tuesday at 10:30am for ages birth to 36 months.

Set a place & time to read to your child

Setting a routine is a great way to guarantee bonding time with your child.

Access TumbleBooks at baxlib.org

1,000+ eBooks for kids to read, watch and learn. Visit www.baxlib.org. Must have a Baxter County Library Card.

Engage with your child as much as possible

It is not just about reading. Talk with your child, ask them questions, or practice saying words. It's about understanding.

Witness your child's growth.

Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Register for the program by visiting the Baxter County Library. Read and log your books to win prizes and a hardback book with your child's name in it.

Inspire imagination within your child

Fiction books inspire your child to imagine fun, new places.

Ignite your child's interest in reading

Find a book your child enjoys and check out similar books by the same author.

Enable your child to get a headstart at learning

Reading to your child develops vocabulary, writing, communication, and critical thinking skills while improving memory retention and motivation.

Reasons to Read

The greatest amount of brain growth occurs between birth and age five. *"Lifetime Effects: The High/Scope Perry Preschool Study Through age 40." Ypsilanti, MI: High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, 2005.*



Children's academic successes at ages 9 and 10 can be attributed to the amount of talk they hear from birth through age 3. *Hart and Risley, Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Experience of Young American Children.*



Children that are read to daily, hear 296,660 words by the time they're 5 years old. *Jessica A. R. Logan, Laura M. Justice, Melike Yumus, Leydi Johana Chaparro-Moreno. When Children Are Not Read to at Home. Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics, 2019*



My daughter's vocabulary increased dramatically [after 1000 Books Before Kindergarten]. Her socialization skills also greatly improved. //

Shana
Local parent of a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Completer



Reading with your Child

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)

Melissa Foster - (870) 404-6819
www.hippyarkansas.org



Reading Tips for Parents of Preschoolers

www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-preschoolers



Read to Me Program

www.readtomeprogram.org



Bedtime Reading for Children

www.tuck.com/best-bedtime-stories



US Department of Education Parent Resources

www2.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/edpicks/jhtml



Arkansas Better Beginnings

www.arbetterbeginnings.com



Introducing Toddlers & Babies to Books

www.zerotothree.org/resources/304-how-to-introduce-toddlers-and-babies-to-books



Baxter County Early Literacy Project

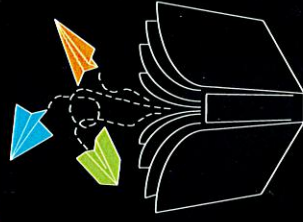
Equipping all Baxter County children with the early literacy skills they need to be prepared to enter Kindergarten.



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You are your child's most important TEACHER



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A few minutes a day can make a difference.

