



When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

Guide to literacy services and programs for children and families



Early Literacy

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EARLY LITERACY (BIRTH TO AGE EIGHT)

Reading is vital to a child's ability to learn and be successful in school. Your child's ability to read develops from birth, but it doesn't happen automatically. Children's brains are not pre-wired for reading. When they hear and use language, their brains develop the important connections needed to learn how to read.

Did you know?

- At four to five months of age, a child recognizes the sound pattern of his/her name. At eight months, a child distinguishes word patterns.
- At age three a child can repeat common rhymes.
- By age five a child starts to match letters with sounds.

Children whose parents read to them, tell them stories, talk and sing songs with them — develop larger vocabularies, become better readers, and do better in school. Children develop important language skills from birth — and early language abilities are directly related to later reading abilities.

90% of a child's brain develops before kindergarten.



6 SKILLS NEEDED TO MOVE FROM 'LEARNING TO READ' TO 'READING TO LEARN':

- 1 Oral language skills** (speaking and listening) are the building blocks of early literacy.
- Children next develop **phonological awareness**, understanding the different ways that spoken language can be broken down into smaller units — sentences into words, words into syllables, syllables into individual sounds.
- The next step is **phonics**, the relationship between letters and the sounds they represent. A reader can decode words by translating the letters into speech sounds.
- Young readers next develop reading **fluency**, the ability to read text accurately, automatically, and with proper expression.
- Vocabulary** is important to reading comprehension because readers cannot understand what they are reading without knowing what most of the words mean.
- Comprehension**, a last important step in being a reader, is understanding the information being read and being able to describe it and talk about it.



EASY WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A READER

Daily activities for young children (from birth to age five):

- Talk with your child and build his/her language skills. Encourage your child to ask questions.
- Bring your child words! Help build his/her vocabulary by pointing and saying the name of objects around them. Point out new words when reading a book for the first time.
- Sing with your child and make up rhymes.
- Tell stories and encourage conversation; make it interactive and fun. Parents need to support a strong development of home language skills so that students enter school prepared with the core knowledge and vocabulary in their home language that will help them to thrive.
- Read aloud to your child in whatever language you are most comfortable. Strength in a child's first language is critical to his/her success in learning a second language.
- Pick books that interest your child so he/she wants you to read them again and again.

Building Skills in Young Readers



Once your child starts reading on his/her own:

- 1 Encourage your child to read 20 minutes a day.
- 2 Help your child find books that meet his/her interests!
- 3 Make an at-home library. Having books in a special place makes it more likely that your child will want to read.



Kindergarten - 1st grade

Tips for reading new or tricky words:

- 1 Think about the word. Does it make sense?
- 2 Sound out the word. Look more closely at the print, look at all the letters in the word, not just the first two.
- 3 Look for patterns or a little word within the word.
- 4 Check the picture for any clue.
- 5 Go back and re-read.



2nd - 3rd grade

Tips for reading new or tricky words:

- 1 Identify the prefix or suffix.
- 2 Look at the root and decode the word, focusing on the pattern.
- 3 Start at the beginning, sound out each part, and blend it together.

Attendance is Important!

Every school day counts. Starting in kindergarten, absences can affect your child's progress in school. Research shows that a student who misses 18 days of a 180-day school year (10%) is below grade level just due to attendance. How many days has your child been absent?

Tips to help all young readers understand meaning for better comprehension:

- 1 Make predictions (guess at what will happen next).
- 2 Ask questions ("I wonder...Who? What? When? Where? Why? If? How?").
- 3 Retell the story.
- 4 Find big ideas (story elements, compare and contrast, cause and effect, sequential order, main idea and supporting detail).



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Learn more at
www.ReadOnArizona.org



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Cochise County School Superintendent's Office A Message from Trudy Berry:

One of the goals of Read On Cochise County is to create a countywide community-based literacy collaborative that will ensure our children have the literacy skills needed to succeed in school and life. We hope to raise awareness of Move on When Reading which requires that 3rd graders be able to read or they will not progress to the 4th grade. Our efforts will include creating resource lists that focus on early literacy and reading and encouraging people to volunteer in the schools and make reading a priority in their community.



First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council: A Message from Chair Melanie Rottweiler

Research has proven that 90% of critical brain development happens by age 5. What happens to kids in the early years builds the foundation for a lifetime of success. Because of this, the job of helping kids get ready for school starts the day they're born. Because of the importance of early childhood, Arizonans created First Things First to expand the early education, health and family support programs that help children arrive at school ready to succeed. FTF has dedicated more than \$630 million statewide to date for strategies in three main areas: strengthening families, improving early learning opportunities for kids birth to 5 years old and promoting better health for our youngest children.

Learn more at: azftf.gov/cochise.



FIRST THINGS FIRST
Ready for School. Set for Life.

Benson

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Benson Public Library

Offers Reading Together Time, a summer reading program which includes reading stories and fun activities.

300 South Huachuca Street
Benson, AZ 85602
520.586.9535



Benson Unified School District

Offers a variety of reading curriculum throughout the classrooms which include Star Reading, Star Literacy, Accelerated Reader, Reading Intervention and Title 1.

360 South Patagonia Street
Benson, AZ 85602
520.720.6700



Cochise Parents As Teachers Books and Tots Story Hour

Easter Seals Blake Foundation Children & Family Services programs provide support to children and families in the areas of health, child abuse and neglect, parenting, child development and early education, behavioral health, and developmental disabilities with a focus on children birth to 5.

Easter Seals Blake Foundation

126 West 5th Street
Benson, AZ 85602
520.452-9784 x12



Head Start

Offers children the REN (Read Every Night) Program, Owl Program and Story Time.

300 West Union Street,
Benson, AZ 85602
Phone Number 520-586-7174



Pearce Elementary School District

Offers a variety of reading curriculum throughout the classrooms which include Language Arts, Success Makers, Dibbles Testing, Accelerated Reader, Star Reading and Title 1.

1487 East School Road
Pearce, AZ 85625
520.826.3328



Pomerene Elementary School District

Offers Title 1, Reading Intervention and Learning Dynamics.

1396 North Old Pomerene Road
Pomerene, AZ 85602
520.586.2407



Saint David Unified School District

Offers Accelerated Reader and Title 1.

70 Patton Hwy
Saint David, AZ 85630
520.720.4781



Sunsites Community Library

Weekly Story Time and Annual Summer Reading Program.

210 North Ford Road/ PO Box 544
Pearce, AZ 85625
520.826.3866

Bisbee

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Arizona Reading Association-Cochise Area Reading Council

The Cochise Area Reading Council provides a professional resource for our education community. Through literacy projects and meetings, the council will support the educational goals and needs of our members.

PO Box 1303
Bisbee, AZ 85603



Bisbee Unified School District

Offers Title 1.
100 Old Douglas Road
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.432.5381



Cochise County Library District

Offers a directory of libraries in Cochise County and information on the Book Mobile.
100 Clawson Ave
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.432.8930



Cochise Parents As Teachers Books and Tots Story Hour

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1415 West Melody Lane
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.452.9784 x12



Copper Queen Library

Offers weekly preschool story hours for toddlers and their parents, as well as the Summer Reading Program.
6 Main Street
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.432.4232



County School Superintendent

As an Educational Service Agency (ESA), the County School Superintendent supports school districts by providing services such as workshops, grant writing, special events planning and technology integration support.

100 Clawson Ave, 3rd Floor
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.432.8950



Double Adobe Elementary School District

Offers Accelerated Reader, Title 1 and a variety of other programs for students.

7081 North Central Hwy
McNeal, AZ 85617
520-364-3041



Elfrida Elementary School District

4070 Jefferson Road
Elfrida, AZ 85625
520-642-3428



Elfrida Library

Offers story times and Summer Reading Program for children.

10552 North Hwy 191
Elfrida, AZ 85607
520.642.1744



Head Start

Offers children the REN (Read Every Night) Program, Owl Program and Story Time.

Cobre Del Sol
951 Head Start Way,
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-2664



McNeal Elementary School District

Offers Title 1, My Sidewalks Phonics and Reading Bus online.

3979 McNeal Street
McNeal, AZ 85617
520-642-1071



Naco Elementary School District

Offers Houghton Mifflin programs, Reading Mastery for Intervention and National Geographic Program.

1911 West Valenzuela
Naco, AZ 85620
520.432.5060



Palominas Elementary School District

Offers Title 1 literacy programs.

10391 East Hwy 92
Hereford, AZ 85615
520-366-6204



Reach out and Read Southern Arizona Clinics-Cochise County

Chiricahua Community Health Center
108 Arizona Street
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.432.3309

Douglas

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Apache Elementary School District

Offers Houghton Mifflin Journeys Program.

10488 Skeleton Canyon Road
Douglas, AZ 85608
520.558.2364



Arizona Workforce Connection

Arizona Workforce Connection is an excellent resource for training programs. Servicing adults and youth clients.

515 E. 7th Street, Douglas, AZ 85607
520-364-8926



Center for Academic Success

Offers the students A+ reading programs.

919 3rd Street
Douglas, AZ 85607
520-805-6000



Cochise Parents As Teachers Books and Tots Story Hour

Easter Seals Blake Foundation Children & Family Services programs provide support to children and families in the areas of health, child abuse and neglect, parenting, child development and early education, behavioral health, and developmental disabilities with a focus on children birth to 5.

516 East 7th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607
520.452.9784 x12



Douglas Public Library

Preschool Story Time each Thursday at 10 am, as well as the Summer Reading Program.

560 10th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607
520.417.7357



Douglas Unified School District

Offers a variety of resources including Houghton Mifflin, Title 1 and online reading sources for children.

1132 12th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607
520.364.2447



Loretto Catholic School

1200 East 14th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607
520.364.5754



Omega Alpha Academy

1402 San Antonio Ave
Douglas, AZ 85607
520.805.1261



Reach out and Read Southern Arizona Clinics-Cochise County

Chiricahua Community Health Center
1100 F Ave
Douglas, AZ 85607
520.364.3285



Head Start

Offers the Read Together Talk Together and the OWL (Opening the World of Learning) Program.

La Escuelita
520 F Avenue
Douglas, AZ 85607
Phone Number: 520-364-8298

Bonita
1201 E 16th Street
Douglas, AZ 85607
Phone Number 520-364-5642



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USA®**



MENTORING PARTNERSHIPS

KIDS HOPE USA develops these one-on-one relationships through the creation of church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk kids in supportive, mentoring relationships. Kids Hope USA mentors spend just one hour per week, reading, talking, playing and listening to a child at school. By helping the child feel loved and valued, they help that child learn, grow and succeed.



Mentoring At Risk Kids

Faith Based Program

520.439.6880

Do something real.

ARIZONA PARENT KIT



Information, resources and tips for families and caregivers of young children. Available at hospitals and birthing centers, free of charge, to parents of all newborns in Arizona.



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Visit AZFTF.gov
for more information.

Sierra Vista

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Arizona Workforce Connection

Arizona Workforce Connection is an excellent resource for training programs. Servicing adults and youth clients.

1843 Paseo San Luis
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520-458-9309



Berean Academy

Offers Title 1 and Summer Reading programs.

1169 North Colombo
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.459.4113



Center for Academic Success

Offers the students A+ reading programs.

900 Carmelita Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520-458-4200



Cochise Parents As Teachers Books and Tots Story Hour

Easter Seals Blake Foundation Children & Family Services programs provide support to children and families in the areas of health, child abuse and neglect, parenting, child development and early education, behavioral health, and developmental disabilities with a focus on children birth to 5.

1939-A S. Frontage Road
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.452.9784 x12



First Baptist Christian Academy

Offers students the ABEKA reading curriculum.

1447 South 7th Street
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.458.2983



Ft. Huachuca Accommodation School District

PO Box 12954
Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85670
520.458.5082



First Things First

First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. **To learn more, visit azftf.gov.**

77 Calle Portal, B140
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.378.3280



Head Start

Offers the OWL Program, Parent and Children's Library, and Kiwanis Club readers once a month.

Carmichael

701 N. Carmichael Ave.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520-458-4366

Pueblo Del Sol

Offers the OWL Program
5142 Paseo Las Palmas
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520-458-9749



Huachuca City Public Library

Offers Story Time which includes reading stories, music and dance, crafts, projects and activities, Summer Reading Programs, Library Lessons and various classes, programs, activities and special events throughout the year.

506 North Gonzales Blvd.
Huachuca City, AZ 85616
520.456.1063



Reach out and Read Southern Arizona Clinics-Cochise County

Sonora Family Care
Vista Pediatrics, PLLC
Pediatrics, Adolescents and Family Care



Sierra Vista Public Library

Story Time and Literacy Based Enrichment.
2600 East Tacoma Street
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.439.2279



Sierra Vista Unified School District

Literacy program are offered through Response to Intervention program within the classroom or through Title I Services.
3555 Fry Blvd.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.515.2714



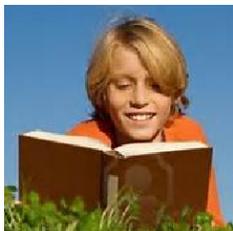
Tombstone Public Library

Story Times and Summer Reading Program.
4th and Toughnut Street
Tombstone, AZ 85638
520.457.3612



Tombstone Unified School District

Offers Reading First and Title 1 programs.
805 Fremont
Tombstone, AZ 85638
520.457.2217



Veritas Christian Community School

Offers the Yes Phonics program and Shurley English Grammar.
215 Taylor Drive
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.417.1113

Willcox

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Ash Creek Elementary School District

Sunizona's Alice Woods Library

The Alice Woods/Sunizona Library is a joint school/county branch library which offers Ash Creek School students a library program coordinated with their classroom curriculum and the community an intermittent story time on Fridays from 11:00 to 11:30. Both programs support literacy and enjoyment of reading. Public library hours are: Tuesday 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, Wednesday 9:30 am-11:30 am, Thursday 9:00 am-11:30 am, Friday 11:30 am-5:00 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am- 12:00 pm. For more information please call 520-824-3145.

6460 East Hwy 181
Pearce, AZ 85625
520.824.3340



Bowie Unified School District

Bowie school faculty and staff take great care in providing curriculum and activities that promote student development and learning.

315 West 5th Street
Bowie, AZ 85605
520.847.2545



Cochise Elementary School District

5025 North Bowie Ave
Cochise, AZ 85606
520.384.2540



Cochise Parents As Teachers Books and Tots Story Hour

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1939-A S. Frontage Road
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.452.9784 x12



Elsie S. Hogan Community Library

Offers story Times and Summer Reading Program.

100 North Curtis Ave
Willcox, AZ 85643
520.766.4250



Head Start

501 W. Stewart
Willcox, AZ 85644
520-384-0016



Jimmie Libhart Library

Offers story Times and Summer Reading Program.

201 North Central Ave
Bowie, AZ 85605
520.847.2522



San Simon Unified School District

Offers students book fairs with guest readers.

110 Business Loop
San Simon, AZ 85632
520.845.2275



San Simon Valley Literacy Organization

Provide books and reading programs for children ages 2 to above.

201 North Central Ave
Bowie, AZ 85605
520.847.2522



Willcox Unified School District

Offers students Holt Elements of Literature, Beyond Textbooks online and Title 1.

480 North Bisbee
Willcox, AZ 85643
520- 384-8600



COCHISE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AND MEMBER LIBRARIES

The Bookmobile provides library services to outlying areas throughout the county. The Cochise County Library District has a unique opportunity to help with early literacy in Cochise County. With our Bookmobile, Summer and 'Paws for Tales' school reading programs, we have numerous opportunities to interact with children of all ages.

Cochise County Library District

100 Clawson Ave.
PO Box Drawer AK
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520.432.8930



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**United Way of Sierra Vista
and Cochise County**

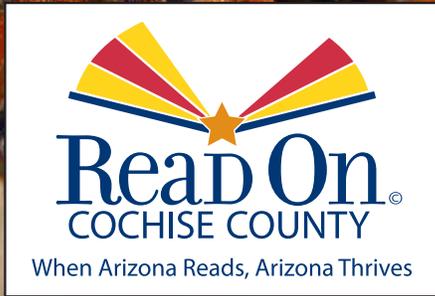


SUMMER READING PROGRAM

By partnering with community schools, students and parents, we are working to improve reading scores and ensure continued learning during the summer months for more than 500 county 1st graders with hopes of expanding even more.

United Way of Sierra Vista and Cochise County

77 Calle Portal Ste B-150
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
520.458.3288



Partner Organizations Include:

Ash Creek School District

Benson Primary School

Bisbee Unified School District

Boys and Girls Clubs

Cactus Wren Preschool

Center for Academic Success

Child Care Administration

City of Sierra Vista

Cochise College

Cochise County Juvenile Court Services

Congressman Ron Barber

Cochise Faith & Education Alliance Inc./Kids Hope

Douglas Unified School District

Easter Seals Blake Foundation

Elsie S. Hogan Library

First Things First

Ft. Huachuca Accommodation Schools

Head Start, Carmichael

Huachuca City Library

Omega Academy

Palominas Unified School District

Sierra Vista Leisure & Library Services

Sierra Vista Public Library

Sierra Vista Public Schools

St. David Unified School District

Tombstone Unified School District

Tiny Tots Daycare Center

U of A Cooperative Extension

United Way Sierra Vista/Cochise County