Why Racing to Read?

Because parents are their children's first, best teachers to make sure they are ready to learn to read when they enter school. And the Library is a parent's best resource to build kindergarten readiness.

Racing to Read is the Library's early literacy initiative. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they learn how to read and write. It's incredibly important to children's success when they start kindergarten.

Racing to Read combines all that the Library has to offer to support early literacy:

• Storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers
• Workshops for parents and caregivers
• Early learning stations at each library
• Board and picture books and early readers
• Knowledgeable, creative staff

Bring your child to a library near you to learn more about Racing to Read, play with the activities at the early learning stations and attend a storytime!

LIBRARY LOCATIONS:
Ash Grove Branch Library, 101 E. Main St., Ash Grove, 751-2953
Brentwood Branch Library, 2214 Brentwood Blvd., 883-1974
Fair Grove Branch Library, 81 S. Orchard Blvd., Fair Grove, 759-2637
The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., 882-0714
The Library Station, 2535 N. Kansas Expressway, 865-1340
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 397 East Central, 862-0135
The Mobile Library (Bookmobile), 883-5366, ext. 2
Park Central Branch Library, 128 Park Central Square, 831-1342
Republic Branch Library, 921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic, 732-7284
Stratford Branch Library, 101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford, 736-9233
Willard Branch Library, 304 E. Jackson St., Willard, 742-4258

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love books
Have fun reading books you and your child enjoy.

sing and rhyme
Play with sounds, songs and rhymes.

tell stories
Create stories, play make-believe and let your child be a storyteller.

talk and read
Explore lots of words with your child.

play with letters
Find print everywhere. Play with words and letters.