



# RACING TO READ

## 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!



Springfield-Greene County  
Library District  
[thelibrary.org](http://thelibrary.org)

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## LIBRARY LOCATIONS:

- Ash Grove Branch Library, 101 E. Main St., Ash Grove, 751-2933
- 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
- Strafford Branch Library, 101 S. State Highway 125, Strafford, 736-9233
- Willard Branch Library, 304 E. Jackson St., Willard, 742-4258

## 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.