

Raising Readers

Raising Readers Program Overview

Make the most of parent involvement at your school by hosting the Raising Readers program. Research has shown the positive power parent involvement has on student academic achievement, and the program helps adult family members develop a special bond with their children as they read to and with them at home.

This no-cost series of workshops helps families establish daily read-aloud time at home, practice methods to make the most of reading aloud at home, and find “right-fit” books to encourage their children’s independent reading.

The Program

- Gives parents a proven, research-based approach to ensuring 20 minutes of daily reading practice at home.
- Encourages participation and focuses on close reading, comprehension strategies, and finding “right-fit” books.
- Includes an easy-to-facilitate set of program activities that are engaging for parents and adult family members.
- Provides families no-cost handouts, tips, and strategies to use at home.
- Helps children develop a lifelong habit and love of reading with their families’ support and encouragement.
- Delivers all the resources you need to plan your event, with a complete Facilitator’s Program Kit of helpful tips and ideas.

The Facilitator’s Program Kit contains:

- Helpful Tips to Organize Your Program
- PowerPoint® Presentations*
- Facilitator’s Notes
- Reproducible Invitation*
- Parent Evaluation Form*
- Handouts:*
- “I Read To You”
- “We Read Together”
- “You Read to Me”
- Reproducible Bookmarks

*Available online in Spanish

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Increase family members' knowledge of how they can help children read at home.

Develop a partnership with adult family members to promote daily reading practice and a culture of reading in their homes.

These no-cost workshops demystify the reading experience and promote daily reading at home. Families will assist educators to support state and Common Core State Standards as they read together with their children daily.

There are three, no-cost workshops that educators may host:

I Read to You

This interactive program informs adult family members about how to begin reading to their children at home and provides participants with tips and tools to get started. The importance of daily read-aloud time is established, along with methods to ensure books are available at home through visits to the public library and the creation of a home library.

(30 minutes)

We Read Together

This interactive session builds upon the skills learned in the **I Read to You** program and focuses on close reading, as well as learning both choral and echo reading. During the program, families share their successes and best practices and enjoy practicing effective read-aloud strategies together.

(30 minutes)

You Read to Me

Families learn how to help their children find "right fit" books for them to read independently. Tips and strategies to check for comprehension, continue to engage children, and track reading progress at home are provided to participants.

(30 minutes)

Please note: Schools may elect to host all of these sessions at one time using a 90-minute program that combines the three workshops or host sessions separately.