**Early literacy begins with you!**

**Learn how to help your child get ready to read with simple activities every day.**

**Talking**Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information.

**Singing**Songs are a natural way for children to learn about language.

**Reading**Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.

**Writing**Writing and reading go together. Scribbling and writing help children learn that written words stand for spoken language.

**Playing**Playing helps children put thoughts into words and think symbolically so they understand that spoken and written words can stand for real objects and experiences.

Help your child get ready to read! Learning to read begins before children start school. From the time they are infants, children learn language and other important pre-reading skills. Developing these early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school.

Learn more at your library or go to: [www.everychildreadytoread.org](http://www.everychildreadytoread.org)