

PARENT RESOURCES

Parents want to help their children be successful in school. For some parents, building their own literacy skills, which may include increasing English language skills, is a great first step. Here are some of the many Internet resources that parents may find helpful.

Children's Language and Literacy Development

www.getreadytoread.org

www.scholastic.com

(click on the "Parents" link for information about literacy development by age and grade)

Adult Education

www.gedpractice.com

www.keynews.org

www.tv411.org

(designed for adults who want to improve their literacy skills)

Finding an Adult Education Program

The National Center for Family Literacy (www.familit.org) provides a directory of adult education programs. By clicking on your state, you can see a list of family-focused programs in your area. ProLiteracy Worldwide (www.proliteracy.org/locator) provides a directory of literacy programs that you also can select by state or narrow to within 25 miles of your own ZIP code.

English Language Learners (including Spanish options)

<http://a4esl.org>

www.sesameworkshop.org

Other Resources

The U.S. Department of Education Publications Department offers many free print resources for parents. To order, write to ED PUBS, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398, call 1 (877) 4-ED-PUBS or go to www.edpubs.org.

Newspapers provide more than just a daily resource for world, national and local news. The education pages may contain articles about the most recent findings in instructional strategies for teaching children (and adults). The book section may include reviews of new and award-winning books for both children and adults. Newspapers are also available online and in the local library.



Literacy Resources

Do you know that many adults in the United States function at the lowest level of literacy? These adults are often unable to total an entry on a deposit slip, locate the time and place of a meeting on a form or identify a piece of specific information in a brief news article.

How can you help? Contact local literacy groups, libraries or community colleges in your area. Volunteer for a local family literacy program. Read up on childhood and adult learning disabilities.

The following resources can assist you in becoming an advocate for literacy, helping another adult become a better reader or finding out how you and your child can learn together.

American Library Association (www.ala.org/olos)

Adult Literacy Media Alliance (www.tv411.org)

American Council on Education (www.acenet.edu)

AVKO Educational Research Foundation (www.avko.org)

"Between the Lions"
(www.pbs.org/readytolearn/resources/lions.html)

Book Adventure (www.bookadventure.org)

Dave's ESL Café (www.eslcafe.com)

First Book (www.firstbook.org)

High/Scope Educational Research Foundation
(www.highscope.org)

International Reading Association (www.reading.org)

Multiple Intelligences for Adult Literacy and Adult Education
(www.literacynet.org/diversity/writing.html)

National Center for Family Literacy (www.familit.org)

National Center for Learning Disabilities (www.ncld.org)

National Institute for Literacy (www.nifl.gov)

Parent & Child Magazine
(www.scholastic.com/parentandchild)

Parents as Teachers (www.patnc.org)

ProLiteracy Worldwide (www.proliteracy.org)

Public Broadcasting Service Literacy Link (www.pbs.org/literacy)

Reach Out and Read National Center
(www.reachoutandread.org)

Storyline Online (www.storylineonline.net)

Verizon Literacy Network (www.verizonreads.net)