Raising A Reader is available throughout Mono County. Check with your local library, your child’s daycare or preschool provider.

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For more information about Raising A Reader, contact your local Mono County library, a participating Mono County child care provider or Kacee Mahler Early Literacy Coordinator Mammoth Lakes Library Phone: 760-934-4777

The first years of life are critical to a child’s lifelong development. Healthy nurturing environments set the stage for future success in learning and life.
Please take time each day to PLAY, CREATE, MOVE, TALK, OBSERVE AND READ.

Read with me...
Raising A Reader is an award-winning early literacy program for families with children from birth to age five.

**How The Program Works:**

1. Check out a Red Book Bag at a Mono County Library or a participating preschool/child care provider.
2. Children and family members read, look through, and talk about the books together.
3. Return the book bag and receive a new one with different books and the cycle continues.
4. Children who have participated with the program and are attending Kindergarten the following fall, will receive their very own Blue Book Bag to keep and use each time they visit their local library.

**About Our Book Collection:**

Each Red Book Bag will include four award winning, age appropriate books. Book titles are carefully chosen to represent a wide selection of themes including:

- Rhythm and Rhyme
- Concept
- Colors
- Numbers
- Alphabet
- Shapes
- Opposites
- Wordless/Light Text
- Mixed Diversity Themes/Multicultural
- Developmental Stages
- Bilingual
- Nature/Environment
- Social Emotional/Well Being
- Cause/Effect
- Predictability/Repetitive Patterns
- STEM

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents. ~ Emilie Buchwald~

**Reading Aloud - It's Okay:**

- To only read part of the book
- If you make mistakes
- If you don’t read well
- If you only talk about the pictures
- If your child won’t sit still
- If your child wants to hold the book and turn the pages

**Make it fun:**

- Spend quality time with your child
- Experience different books and the wonders they bring
- Expand the imagination
- READ EVERYDAY

**Outcomes:**

- Parent/caregiver and child bonding
- Interest in books and reading
- Oral language and early literacy skills; Making connections between stories and real life, understanding that print is a way of communication
- Higher level thinking skills like increased Comprehension & Problem Solving

Over 250 families throughout Mono County participate in the Raising A Reader Program annually.