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Strengthening Literacy and Father-Child Relationships through Reading

Resources

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Children who read well by third grade are more likely than their peers to experience academic success and economic stability as adults. They are also more likely to have parents who read to them.

The National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse webinar – *Strengthening Literacy and Father-Child Relationships through Reading* – looked at ways in which fatherhood programs can encourage fathers to read to their children and enhance outcomes for two generations.

The following resources were suggested by the webinar presenters and may be helpful for fatherhood programs and fathers.

- [Dad's Playbook: Coaching Kids to Read](#), from the National Institute for Literacy, includes word games to play with your kids and stories from 20 dads about how they read with their kids.
- [Fathers Reading Every Day \(FRED\)](#) is a family literacy program designed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The program provides a list of the [Top 100 Children's Books](#), based on an online survey of teachers conducted by the National Education Association.
- [Reading Tips](#) from PBS Parents provides ideas and activities to help parents and kids have fun with literacy.
- [Focus on Fathering](#), a curriculum from Parents as Teachers, includes the activity *Reading with your Children* (free download).
- [Dads & Kids Book Clubs Manual](#) from Minnesota Humanities Center includes plans for Book Club activities and a [Reading with Dad Booklist](#).
- The Department of Education provides [Reading Resources](#) for parents.

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- [Guys Read](#) is a web-based literacy program for boys with the goal of helping boys become self-motivated, lifelong readers. Similarly, the mission of [Boys Read](#) is to transform boys into lifelong readers. Both of these websites provide lists of books that boys like to read.
- The [Reading Rockets](#) website provides printable guides and videos from the public television series [Launching Young Readers](#) for parents, teachers and others working with children to improve their reading.
- Scholastic.com has a [Resource Center](#) with resources broken down by age and reading level of child.
- The [Reading is Fundamental](#) website provides booklists, articles, and activities to help parents and their young children have fun with reading.
- Dolly Parton's [Imagination Library](#) is a program to provide children with a selected book each month. The website provides information on which communities have a program and how to start a program in additional communities.
- [13 Things Babies Learn When We Read with Them](#) is a resource from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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