

Why Is Reading Aloud So Important?

Reading aloud to your kindergartener is strongly associated with their eventual success in reading because they hear sounds, and patterns in letters and start associating them with words. Goals for Kindergarten literacy include phonetics awareness, letter recognition, and above all enjoying stories and storytelling -- the ability to retell the story in their own words! While reading aloud to your kindergartener, you can strengthen their literacy skills, instill a love of reading, and have fun together!

Enjoy Reading with your Child

Here are some helpful literacy tips:

- Choose a special time to read with your child. After lunch, or before bed are popular choices -- but choose whatever works best for your family.
- Read slowly, with expression. Try using different voices for different characters.
- Follow the words with your finger as you read. Your child will see that words are read from left to the right on the page.
- Point to the pictures and say the names of objects and colors.
- Have your child help turn the pages.
- Ask your child to describe pictures, repeat phrases used in the story, and predict what will happen next.
- Take time to answer your child's questions.
- As your child's reading progresses, take turns reading pages to each other.
- Visit **Reading is Fundamental (rif.org)** for more tips on reading aloud with your child. Or ask your library staff-- we're happy to help!

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Kindergarten Reading Challenge

The **Kindergarten Reading Challenge** at GLADL offers support and inspiration for you, and your Kindergartener, during this critical age in their literacy development. You can encourage your child by setting a goal, then have fun working with them to achieve it. You make a commitment to support your child's lifelong reading journey by taking part in the Kindergarten Challenge!

The focus of the Kindergarten Reading Challenge is the **vital time spent reading aloud with your child** and features **100 books to read aloud with your child** during their kindergarten year. Here you'll find a curated collection of well-loved classics, engaging new stories, and even concept building books. All the books listed are available at GLADL or through our inter-library loan service, MelCat. You'll find them in our children's collections-- Look for the **blue star** stickers on the books.

How to Participate in the Reading Challenge

Select a book from our Challenge list and as you complete each book, color in the star next to its title. Remember to ask for one of our Challenge packets and get registered at the library to get the latest news. Once you've completed reading all 100 books, stop by the library to receive a certificate of completion, a **free book**, and a Kindergarten Challenge Sticker.



100 IN KINDERGARTEN READING CHALLENGE

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

I accept the challenge!

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

☆ **7 ate 9: the untold story** by Tara Lazar Call #: E L
☆ **A loud winter's nap** by Katy Hudson Call #: E H
☆ **A normal pig** by K-Fai Steele Call #: E S
☆ **A parade of elephants** by Kevin Henkes Call #: E H
☆ **A Thousand White Butterflies** by Jessica Betancourt-Perez
Call #: E B
☆ **Alexander and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day**
by Judith Viorst Call #: E V
☆ **Anansi the spider: a tale from the Ashanti** by Gerald
McDermott Call #: J 398.2 M V
☆ **Bats at the library** by Brian Lies Call #: E L
☆ **Be kind** by Pat Zietlow Miller Call #: E M
☆ **Bear came along** by Richard T Morris Call #: E M
☆ **Bear feels scared** by Karma Wilson Call #: E W
☆ **Biscuit flies a kite** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli Call #: E C
☆ **Bracelets for Bina's brothers** by Rajani LaRocca Call #: E L
☆ **Carl and the puppies** by Alexandra Day Call #: J/R DAY LEVEL-1
☆ **Chicka chicka boom boom** by Bill Martin Call #: E M
☆ **Do your ears hang low?** ill. by Jenny Cooper Call #: E D
☆ **Don't hug Doug** by Carrie Finison Call #: E F
☆ **Douglas, you need glasses!** by Ged Adamson Call #: E A
☆ **Duck for president** by Doreen Cronin Call #: E C
☆ **Facts vs opinions vs. robots** by Michael Rex Call #: J 121.4 R
☆ **Fatima's great outdoors** by Ambreen Tariq Call #: E T
☆ **Festival of colors** by Kabir Sehgal Call #: E S
☆ **Friends stick together** by Hannah E Harrison Call #: E H
☆ **Froggy goes to grandma's** by Jonathan London Call #: E L
☆ **Fry bread: a Native American family story** by Kevin Noble
Maillard Call #: E M
☆ **Giraffes can't dance** by Giles Andreae Call #: E A
☆ **Girl Versus Squirrel** by Hayley Barrett Call #: E B
☆ **Goodnight, goodnight, construction site** by Sherri Duskey
Rinker Call #: E R
☆ **Grace for president** by Kelly DiPuccio Call #: E D
☆ **Graduation groove** by Kathryn Heling Call #: E H
☆ **Hair twins** by Raakhee Mirchandani Call #: E M
☆ **Harry and the dinosaurs go to school** by Ian Whybrow
Call # : E W

☆ **How do you dance?** by Thyra Heder Call #: E H
☆ **How to babysit a grandpa** by Jean Reagan Call #: E R
☆ **If you give a dog a donut** by Laura Joffe Numeroff Call #: E N
☆ **Izzy Gizmo** by Pip Jones Call #: E J
☆ **Jabari jumps** by Gaia Cornwall Call #: E C
☆ **Ladybug Girl and the rescue dogs** by David Soman Call #: E S
☆ **Last stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Pena Call #: E D
☆ **Library lion** by Michelle Knudsen Call #: E K
☆ **Little blue truck** by Alice Schertle Call #: E S
☆ **Llama destroys the world** by Jonathan Stutzman Call #: E S
☆ **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** by Bernard Waber Call #: E W
☆ **Marsha is Magnetic** by Beth Ferry Call #: E F
☆ **Miss Bindergarten gets ready for kindergarten** by Joseph Slate
Call #: E S
☆ **Mr. Happy** by Roger Hargreaves Call #: E H
☆ **Mr. Tiger goes wild** by Peter Brown Call #: E B
☆ **My friends and me** by Stephanie Stansbie Call #: E S
☆ **My new friend is so fun!** by Mo Willems Call #: E W
☆ **Night animals** by Gianna Marino Call #: E M
☆ **Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann Call #: E R
☆ **Once Upon a Goat** by Dan Richards Call #: E R
☆ **Our favorite day of the year** by A. E. Ali Call #: E A
☆ **Our Michigan! we love the seasons** by Gijsbert van
Frankenhuyzen Call #: E F
☆ **Peek, otter** by Shira Evans Call #: J/R EVANS PRE-READ
☆ **Pete the cat and his four groovy buttons** by Eric Litwin
Call #: E L
☆ **Press here** by Herve Tullet Call #: E T
☆ **Puppy Mudge loves his blanket** by Cynthia Rylant Call #: J/R
RYLANT PRE-READ
☆ **Shh! We have a plan** by Chris Haughton Call #: E H
☆ **Smug seagull** by Maddie Frost Call #: E F
☆ **Some dinosaurs are small** by Charlotte Voake Call #: E V
☆ **Sometimes people march** by Tessa Allen Call #: J 323.04 A
☆ **Sorry, grown-ups, you can't go to school!** by Christina Geist
Call #: E G
☆ **Stack the cats** by Susie Ghahremani Call #: E G
☆ **Stegothesaurus** by Bridget Heos Call #: E H

☆ **Strega Nona** by Tomie DePaola Call #: E D
☆ **Sulwe** by Lupita Nyong'o Call #: E N
☆ **Super Manny cleans up!** by Kelly DiPuccio Call #: E D
☆ **Tallulah: mermaid of the Great Lakes** by Denise Brennan-Nelson
Call #: E B
☆ **The bear ate your sandwich** by Julia Sarcone-Roach Call #: E S
☆ **The book with no pictures** by B. J. Novak Call #: E N
☆ **The chicken who couldn't** by Jan Thomas Call #: E T
☆ **The don't worry book** by Todd Parr Call #: E P
☆ **The dot** by Peter H Reynolds Call #: E R
☆ **The great indoors** by Julie Falatko Call #: E F
☆ **The hidden rainbow** by Christie Matheson Call #: E M
☆ **The Keeping quilt** by Patricia Polacco Call #: E P
☆ **The legend of Sleeping Bear** by Kathy-jo Wargin Call #: J 398.2 W
☆ **The mitten: a Ukrainian folktale** by Jan Brett Call #: E B
☆ **The Neighborhood Mother Goose** Call #: J 398.8 N
☆ **The paper bag princess** by Robert N Munsch Call #: E M
☆ **The story of Ferdinand** by Munro Leaf Call #: E L
☆ **The storybook knight** by Helen Docherty Call #: E D
☆ **The Tiny seed** by Eric Carle Call #: E C
☆ **There's an alligator under my bed** by Mercer Mayer Call #: E M
☆ **They all saw a cat** by Brendan Wenzel Call #: E W
☆ **This is not my hat** by Jon Klassen Call #: E K
☆ **This is not that kind of book** by Christopher Healy Call #: E H
☆ **Three little kittens (and one hungry mouse!)** by Barbara
McClintock Call #: E M
☆ **Trillions of Trees : a counting and planting book** by Kurt Cyrus
Call #: E C
☆ **Truck full of ducks** by Ross Burach Call #: E B
☆ **Under my hijab** by Hena Khan Call #: E K
☆ **Waiting** by Kevin Henkes Call #: E H
☆ **We are grateful : otsaliheliga** by Traci Sorell Call #: E S
☆ **We are water protectors** by Carole Lindstrom Call #: E L
☆ **Why mosquitoes buzz in people's ears : a West African tale** by
Verna Aardema Call #: J 398.2 A
☆ **You are home: an ode to the natl. parks** by Evan Turk Call # : E T
☆ **You matter** by Christian Robinson Call #: E R
☆ **Your name is a song** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow Call #: E T
☆ **Z is for Moose** by Kelly L Bingham Call #: E B