

## LET THE LIBRARY HELP YOU RAISE A READER

The Amery Area Public Library offers the following family-friendly programs and spaces free of charge.

### Storytime

Join us for interactive stories, songs, and movement on Wednesdays at 10 AM.

### Summer Reading Program

For ages 0-18. Special events for all ages. Reading is celebrated; prizes are awarded.

### Baby Book Bees

Read 100 books with baby before their 1st birthday. Prizes are awarded.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read 1,000 books with your child before kindergarten! Prizes along the way. Free tote bag at sign up.

### Children's Playroom

Play kitchen, grocery store, puppet theater, train table, and more in the children's room.

### Chris Paulson STEM Lab

Contains a collection of science, technology, engineering, and math manipulatives that enable children to practice fundamental skills while having lots of fun.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### MORE Library System

Free access to 50 MORE-member libraries and more than 1 million resources with a library card. [more.lib.wi.us](http://more.lib.wi.us)

### Digital Library

Free access to digital collections of e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines. Get access via homepage at [more.lib.wi.us](http://more.lib.wi.us)!

### Public Computers and Wi-Fi

10 public computers accessible with a library card and free wireless internet

### Copy Machine/Scanner

Make FREE copies from the computer and scanner! Print from your phone or library computer for free!

### Research

Free access to databases such as Ancestry Library Edition, Auto Repair Reference Center, BadgerLink, Consumer Reports, etc. Get access via [amerylibrary.org](http://amerylibrary.org), click on "Digital Resources".

## AMERY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Our Mission

The Amery Area Public Library enriches the community by connecting people with information, ideas, and experiences.

### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 9-6  
Saturday: 9-1  
Sunday: Closed

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How to...

# RAISE A READER

Useful tips and  
resources  
to help prepare your  
child for success in  
reading and school



## EARLY LITERACY PRACTICES

**Children gain important knowledge about reading and writing before they actually learn how to read and write. This knowledge is called "early literacy," and it plays an important role when your child later learns how to read. As a parent, you provide opportunities for your child to gain early literacy skills through these simple everyday interactions: talking, reading, singing, writing, and playing.**

## TALK

The more words a child hears, the larger their vocabulary when they go to school.

- Talk with your child often.
- Discuss what is happening around you. Ask open-ended questions.
- Listen to and acknowledge your child's responses.

## READ

Your child will grow to enjoy reading if he has regular and positive reading experiences with you.

- Share books with your child daily.
- Follow your child's lead. If your child is interested in another activity, don't force them to sit and listen to a book. Try again later.
- Prop up board books for your baby during tummy time.
- Bring your child to storytime at the library.

## SING

Singing slows down language, increasing your child's awareness and sensitivity to the sounds in words.

- Sing during routine activities, like bath time and diaper changes. Adapt the following tune to a number of activities: "This is the way we wash your hair, wash your hair, wash your hair. This is the way we wash your hair, and now you're fresh and clean. Yay!"
- Sing common nursery rhymes, like "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."
- Sing and dance to your favorite songs!
- Ask a librarian for books with nursery rhymes or picture books that can be sung.



## WRITE

Children learn that letters and words stand for sounds and that print has meaning.

- Give your child opportunities to work with crayons, markers, etc. to develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.



- Paint or fingerpaint with your child. Offer a space in your home where your child has easy access to paper and washable markers, crayons, etc.
- Invite your preschool-age child to tell you a story as you write it down.

## PLAY

Play is a natural and essential way to learn and have fun.

- Turn off screens and engage your child in active play (involving physical movement) or dramatic play (pretend play).
- Explore nature.
- Offer your child sensory experiences (e.g., playdough, rice bin with household tools, etc.).
- Play for free in the playroom at the Amery Area Public Library.