



**San Luis Obispo County's
Early Literacy and Family Engagement
Program**



Raising a Reader Addresses a National Crisis

Third Grade Reading Correlates with High School Graduation Rates

Report Published by Annie E. Casey Foundation

- A child's reading proficiency by third grade has a direct correlation to their success in high school and beyond.
- Students who don't read proficiently by third grade are *four times* more likely to leave high school without a diploma than proficient readers.
- Young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to, a new study found.

San Luis Obispo County Raising A Reader's Mission



Raising A Reader (RAR) helps families develop, practice and maintain the habit of “book cuddling”—a habit that research demonstrates is *essential* to healthy brain development, family bonding, and increased literacy skills—all proven elements for lifetime success! Children will enter school with a love of books and will be motivated and ready to learn.

The Value of Raising A Reader for SLO County

RAR Fosters Language and Literacy Development by:

- Encouraging Reading Aloud Home Routines
- Offering Books from Important Genres
- Offering Books and Stories that Provide a Window and Mirror
- Storytelling Encouraged
- Supporting Family Bonding Experiences
- Language Acquisition Development
- Daily Literacy Experiences
- Retelling of Familiar Stories

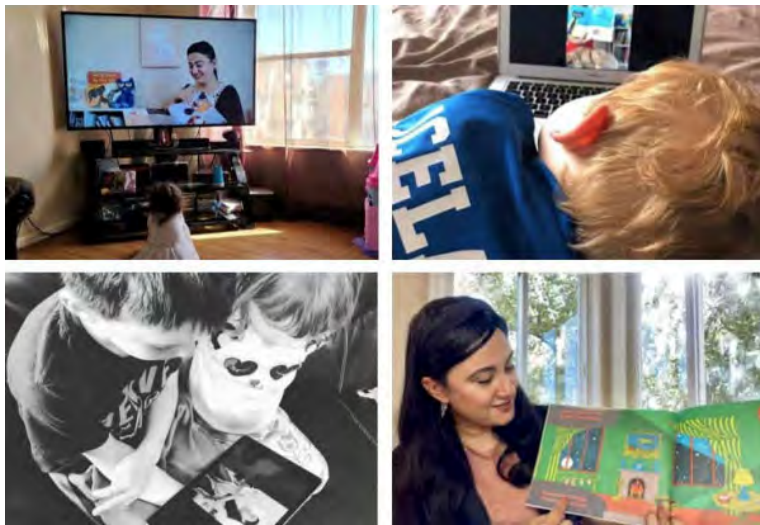


Our Approach

DEVELOP

HELPING FAMILIES BUILD BOOK SHARING ROUTINES

Parents receive trainings throughout a school year in research-based practices to **develop the habit** of sharing books.



Our Approach

PRACTICE

Children bring home a Red Book Bag **weekly or every other week** filled with award-winning books to **practice the habit** of sharing books.

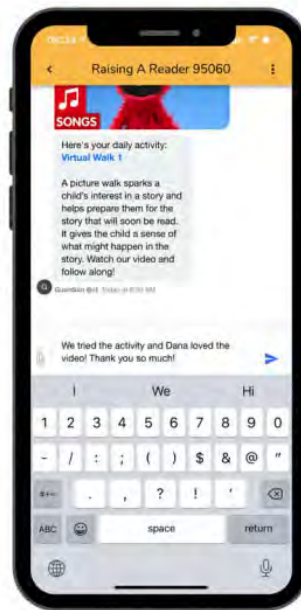
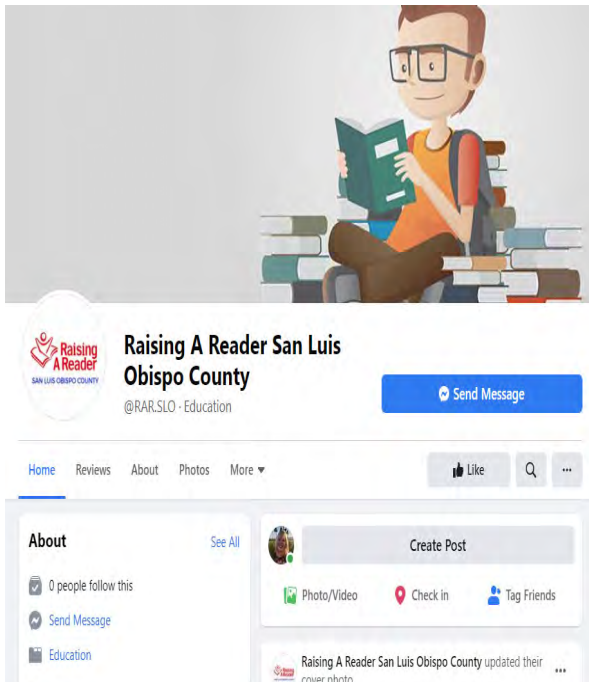


Our Approach

MAINTAIN

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION DURING COVID

Families are connected with **libraries** to **maintain the habit** of borrowing and sharing books.



Raising a Reader Challenge 2020-2021 - San Luis Obispo County

August 01, 2020 - June 30, 2021

[Return to this Challenge](#)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

August 01, 2020 - June 30, 2023

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Community Literacy Extensions of Raising A Reader



Books are the Best Medicine Kits for Sierra Vista Hospital Pediatric Unit. (Special Thank You to The Monday Club!!!)

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Lava y Lee *Libromat* Rinse, Spin, Read

La biblioteca en lavandería ♥ The Laundromat Library

“¿Que pasará...?”
Haz preguntas
mientras lees.

Tus palabras tienen poder.
90% del cerebro de un
niño se desarrolla en los
primeros 5 años.



“I wonder...?”
Ask questions
as you read.

Your words have power.
90% of a child's brain
develops in the first 5 years.

No hay mejor manera de preparar a su hijo tener éxito que leer juntos en voz alto.
There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed than reading aloud together.



“Libromats”, ECHO Homeless Shelter, and Food Distribution Events

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Oceano Literacy Learning Center Lending RAR Library

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Community Guest Readers

Thank you for supporting children and families throughout San Luis Obispo County!

