

WSRA Position Statement

Families and Literacy

The Wisconsin State Reading Association believes that literacy begins in the home and families are the most important guide on the path to literacy. By providing a print-rich environment, modeling literacies, reading aloud to children, and developing oral language, families and educators provide the tools needed for success.

The Wisconsin State Reading Association advocates supporting and empowering families and educators to foster the development of print-rich homes and educational settings that prepare children to engage in lifelong literacy activities.

The WSRA believes that families:

- Are the most important influence in a child's life.
- Are the child's first teacher.
- Serve as literacy role models for children.
- Should support the development of children as consumers and producers of multiple forms of literacy.
- Should foster a love of literacy in children.
- Should read to children of all ages.
- Should share meaningful conversations that encourage the development of listening and speaking skills.
- Provide developmentally appropriate literacy opportunities on a daily basis to enhance their children's growth.

