

## GROW YOUR READER

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# A child's reading success starts at home.

Raising a reader is as exhilarating as it is challenging. Stick with us. Read Charlotte is here to provide the information you need to raise a confident, proficient, lifelong lover of books.



## *Are you using the ABCs of Active Reading?*

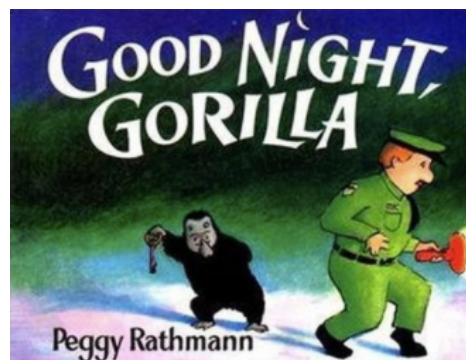
**Ask questions. Build vocabulary. Connect to kids' worlds.**

Active reading involves reading a book *with* a child rather than reading a book *to* a child. This evidence-based approach improves children's language skills, vocabulary, and ability to understand what they read on their own.

Active reading works with children from as young as six months through sixth grade. (For the younger children you'll want to focus more on the pictures.) In active reading, an adult shares a picture book with a child and provides the child with multiple opportunities to talk about and engage with the pictures, words and ideas in the book. The adult's role is to be an active listener, ask questions, and get the child talking and thinking about the book.

Do you have a 2-5 year old at home? Currently, there are dozens of FREE Active Reading family workshops (for this age range) being offered by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library! The workshops are about an hour long, once a week for four consecutive weeks. Over the next few months, the Library will add other community locations to the list. [Click here for the fall schedule!](#)

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### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

"Good Night, Gorilla" by Peggy Rathmann is a favorite for Active Reading among toddlers and preschoolers because there's so much to talk about on each page, from the sequence of the animals to that little mouse hauling the banana.

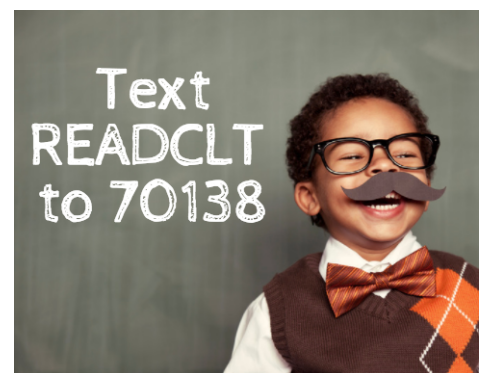
### **THREE REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR READY4K**

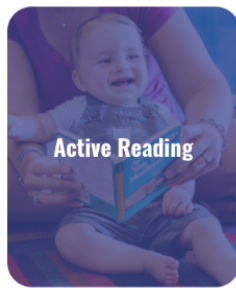
1. It's free!
2. It's fun!
3. It's proven to help boost your birth-5 year old child's learning.

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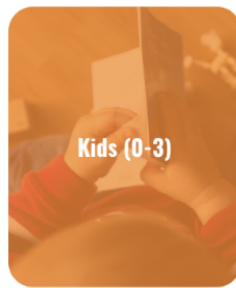
### **FOR FAMILIES**

Looking for age appropriate advice? Check out the [For Families](#) section of our website for tips & information on how you can help your birth through third grade child succeed in reading.





Active Reading



Kids (0-3)



Kids (3-4)



Kids (5-8)

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