

Inspire a love of reading this holiday season



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As the holiday season gets underway, consider giving the children in your life gifts that will help build literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. Literacy is a gift that will last a lifetime!

A few ideas for your list:

- **Books!** You can never have too many. Look for a few that fit your child's interests, or try out a book subscription box to help build excitement around reading. Or consider making a standing library date to check out new books on a regular basis.
- **Book accessories.** Think book lights for nighttime reading, tote bags for carrying books, and homemade or store-bought bookmarks to keep your little one's place.
- **Alphabet letters.** Look for items like ABC puzzles, ABC magnets, sidewalk chalk, and ABC games to help develop your child's interest in the ABCs.
- **Craft supplies.** Gift your child basic book-making supplies, like construction paper, colored pencils, and markers, and encourage them to create their very own book!

Visit your library branch for Family Literacy Night

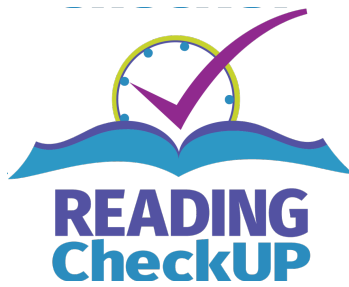


Stop by any Charlotte Mecklenburg Library branch tomorrow, Nov. 30, to celebrate National Family Literacy month with a Family Literacy Night.

The event, which runs from 5-7 p.m., features self-directed stations for families to read, write, and learn together, and to create literacy games and activities to

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Check in on reading with a Reading Checkup



Check in on your PreK-3rd grade child's reading progress with a [Reading Checkup](#) as we near the second half of the school year.

After your child completes two online quizzes, the free tool tells you their current reading level and provides an individual reading plan and recommendations for activities to practice at home.

And since it's the season of giving, please [share this resource](#) with your family and friends to help improve early literacy for all children in Mecklenburg County!

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