

## Literacy and Education

### Resource List

#### **Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation**

Although the foundation's work is limited to Houston, the website has useful resources related to literacy, including research about early childhood literacy and the impact of poverty on literacy.

<https://www.bushhoustonliteracy.org/literacy>

#### **Books Build Connections Toolkit**, American Academy of Pediatrics.

The toolkit has excellent information and tips for families to encourage them to talk, read, and sing with their children. Great basis for a literacy program. The information sheets can be used as a reference, but reproduction for distribution requires permission from the AAP.

<https://littoolkit.aap.org/Pages/home.aspx>

#### **Colorado Department of Education** website

This article details information about the 'Summer Slide.'

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/summerslide>

#### ***The Enchanted Hour, The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction*** by Meghan Cox Gurdon (2019)

How reading aloud makes adults and children smarter, happier, healthier, more successful and more closely attached, even as technology pulls in the other direction. Ms. Cox Gurdon spoke at the NCCS 2019 Conference.

#### ***Fixing Schools Outside of School: Districts are turning to private companies, nonprofits, and foundations for partnerships that can help tackle the biggest impediments to learning***

Ted Hesson, *The Atlantic Magazine*, February 4, 2016

Schools have found ways to help their students' lives outside of the classroom, or at least adjust to them, by finding partners in the rest of society—businesses, nonprofit groups, foundations, public libraries, parent groups—that have an interest in a strengthened system of education.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/02/public-schools-partnership/459945/>

#### **National Assessment of Educational Progress**

Teachers, principals, parents, policymakers, and researchers all use NAEP results to assess progress and develop ways to improve education in the United States.

[https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/reading\\_2017/nation/achievement/?grade=8](https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/reading_2017/nation/achievement/?grade=8)

#### ***Read Aloud Handbook: Eighth Edition*** Jim Trelease (2019)

Includes a compilation books perfect for reading aloud situations.

**Reading programs are really about supporting strong parent-child bonds**, Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, (associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health)

This article reinforces the need for parents to read to their children.

[https://madison.com/ct/opinion/column/dr-dipesh-navsaria-reading-programs-are-really-about-supporting-strong/article\\_bfd4576c-3652-5a1a-92a3-ef7ca596dfb0.html](https://madison.com/ct/opinion/column/dr-dipesh-navsaria-reading-programs-are-really-about-supporting-strong/article_bfd4576c-3652-5a1a-92a3-ef7ca596dfb0.html)

**Teaching with Poverty in Mind: What Being Poor Does to Kids' Brains and What Schools Can Do About It**, Eric Jensen (2009)

Poverty impacts school age children. This book explains what poverty, particularly multi-generational poverty, does to children's brains and why students raised in poverty are especially subject to stressors that undermine behavior and performance. Jensen also sets forth proven strategies for changing school and classroom environments to alleviate the stress caused by chronic poverty.

**Websites to Explore:**

Read Aloud 15 Minutes [www.readaloud.org](http://www.readaloud.org)

Reach Out and Read [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)

Reading Is Fundamental <https://www.rif.org>

Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org>

First Book <https://firstbook.org/>

Every Child A Reader <https://everychildareader.net>