



# BEST BEGINNINGS

## Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

### Building Strong Readers with Dialogic Reading

We talk a lot about the amount of time we should spend reading with our children. But just as important is the quality of the interaction. Dialogic reading turns the adult into the listener and helps the child become the teller of the tale.



Learn more about simple things you can do to enrich your reading time...

- See how it's done in these how-to videos: reading with your [baby or toddler](#), and [preschooler](#).
- Find out more about simple prompts to use with your child in this handy, helpful [fact sheet](#).
- Read more about why it works in this [article by the Center for Early Literacy Learning](#).
- And visit our [website](#) to find more info on dialogic reading and more literacy supports for your child and family.

### We did it - Alaska hits 1 millionth Imagination Library book!

This month we celebrate a tremendous milestone: the 1 millionth Imagination Library book delivered to a

young Alaskan!

Since 2009, the Imagination Library network has grown by leaps and bounds.

Today...

- 34 Imagination Libraries serve 111 communities
- 23,023 Alaska children receive books each month
- 42% of all Alaska children under age 5 are enrolled



Thanks to all the volunteers who make this happen  
AND to all of the young readers and their families who  
are building a love of reading and books!

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