



# Clinton Public Library Storytimes

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*The library staff is  
happy to help you  
select books that suit  
your child's age,  
interests and  
development.*

Storytimes for 2½ - 5 year olds:

Wednesdays, 10-10:45 p.m. and Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m.

## There are 6 Basic Building Blocks for Reading Readiness



1. **"Print Motivation"** is learning that reading is fun and interesting. We accomplish this by choosing books that typically attract children and making them entertaining to hear.



2. **"Language and Vocabulary Building"** means teaching that things have names. Children build an internal database of names, concepts and ideas.



3. **"Concepts about print"** teach children to notice letters and words. Children need to be taught how to handle a book and how to follow words on a page.



4. **"Letter Knowledge"** involves learning that letters exist, that they have names and sounds, that they can be found everywhere, and that when they are put together with other letters they make words.



5. **"Reading Comprehension and Narrative Skills"** teach that a story is a series of events that go together in a predictable order. Children start to be able to anticipate what will happen next.



6. **"Phonological Awareness"** means that children listen carefully and hear and recognize the smaller sounds within words. When a child can identify starting and ending sounds, including rhyming words, they have the beginnings of "Phonological Awareness." They can sound out words and figure out how to read them.

*As children progress through these foundation steps, facilitated by you, Mrs. Ibeling and the Clinton Public Library's story hour program, they become more able to be successful readers.*