

The Family Reading Partnership Alliance is comprised of dedicated groups in different communities who share FRP's values and philosophies and use our program models to connect families to the joy of reading. Alliance members tailor programs to meet their communities' needs.



Family Reading Partnership of Cortland County

Family Reading Partnership of Cortland County, NY, since 2003

FRP of CC is celebrating the expansion of its *Books to Grow On* program to include all pediatricians and general practitioners that serve children in Cortland County. Like the Family Reading Partnership model in Tompkins County, Cortland County FRP provides beautiful, new, age-appropriate children's books for doctors to give to children during six different well-visits, ages six months to four years old.

FRP of CC also provides Cortland area families with *Books at Birth* (parents of all babies born at the local hospital receive a book); *Welcome to School Book* (all kindergartners receive a book at school registration); *Bright Red Bookshelves* (gently used books are free for families to choose and keep); *Give the Gift of Family Reading* (new books are given to families at the holidays to use as gifts for their children); and *Book Express* (50 different book bags with five books each are available for families to borrow).



Dr. Lynn Cunningham, of Cortland, NY, unpacks books she will give her young patients in the BTGO program when they come for check-ups.



Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley



This Read to Me! banner, with artwork by Rosemary Wells, hangs near A.W. Booth Elementary School in Elmira.

Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley, since 2004

Driving through Elmira, NY, you may come across some lively *Read to Me!* banners on area buildings. Family Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley is promoting family reading with banners; *Books at Birth*; *Kinderbook* (library cards and library field trip for all kindergartners); *Bright Red Bookshelves*, an annual *Kids' Book Fest* (this year on April 4); *Need to Read* monthly articles in the *Star Gazette*; book list pamphlets; and by supporting their local *Reach Out and Read* program at doctors' offices.



Read to Me, Charlotte!, since 2005

Read to Me, Charlotte!, coordinated by the Public Library of Charlotte, NC, in Mecklenburg County, gives families a new board book and library card application for their baby upon birth through the *Your Baby Is a Born Reader!* program. The group also has four *Read to Me Charlotte!* bookshelves, where resource-challenged families can pick up gently used children's books. Learn more, including tips and activities for parents and teachers on how to raise a reader and a list of programs coordinated by their literacy partners, at www.readtomecharlotte.org.



As part of the Born Reader program in Charlotte, each family receives *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, by Eric Carle (in English or in Spanish) along with a library card application for their baby, in the maternity unit.



Geneva Reads!, since 2008

Geneva Reads! has had a busy first year in the FRP Alliance. Every baby born in Geneva, NY now receives a book funded by the Geneva Public Library and Hospital Auxiliary; there are four *Bright Red Bookshelves*; *Read-Along Songs* sets were given to all 4 and 5 year olds; *Welcome to School Books* were given to incoming kindergartners last fall; and Geneva Reads! had their first *Kids' Book Fest* on May 2.

Jane Gerling, Director of Head Start in Geneva, says that the community has enthusiastically supported their efforts to create opportunities for children to receive books and programs that include read-aloud. See more at their website: www.genevareads.org.

Seneca County Literacy Partnership, since 2008

Seneca County Literacy Partnership includes the communities of Interlaken, Romulus, Ovid, and Waterloo, NY, is looking forward to welcoming each kindergartner in their communities to school registration with a new book this spring.