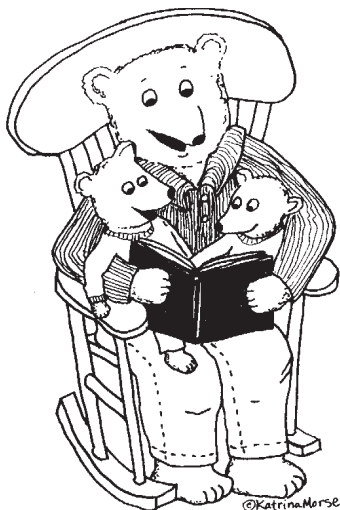


# Creating a Culture of Literacy in the Community

## ✓ CHECKLIST

- Quality children's books are a part of every place a child may wait, from doctors' offices to car repair shops to restaurants.
- Read aloud events of children's books are common at community locations.
- Books are commonly used as special gifts.
- Books are valued so much that children and families want to pass on their "gently-used" books to other children to read.
- Writing and reading contests or challenges occur for children throughout the year.
- All the professionals in the community give the same message to parents: "Read to your children every day."
- Parents are aware of the importance and power of reading and begin reading to their child at birth.
- Families make regular outings to the library to supplement books they own.
- Advertisements encouraging parents to read to their children are found throughout the community on printed materials and on radio and TV.
- Children's entertainers connect their music and art to children's books.
- Community groups regularly conduct book drives to collect books for families in need.
- The library encourages involvement from the community.



- Children's book authors make visits to the community and schools to engage children in books, reading, writing, illustrating and storytelling.
- Anyone of any age can get a library card and check books out of the library.
- Children's books are reviewed or regularly featured in the newspaper.
- Professionals in the community such as doctors, teachers, business owners and agency workers value reading and use books as part of their interactions with families.
- All children, regardless of income, own books that they can read at home.

