



APPLING BUILDING CONNECTIONS LITERACY PROJECT

10 Benefits of Reading

- Greatest amount of brain growth between birth and age five
- Developing brain triples in 1st year & virtually fully formed by kindergarten age
- Reading aloud stimulates language, cognitive skills, builds motivation, curiosity, and memory.
- Having books in the home is twice as important as the father's education level.
- 1/2 of children from low-income communities start 1st grade up to 2 years behind their peers.
- 1 in 4 children in America grow up without learning how to read.
- Children who aren't reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade are 4 times as likely to drop out of high school.
- Each dropout, over his/her lifetime, costs the nation approximately \$260,000.
- 78% of juvenile crime is committed by high school dropouts.
- Surveys of adolescents with criminal show 1/2 have reading difficulties.

<https://ferstreaders.org/resources/fifty-top-literacy-statistics>

How **YOU** Can Affect the Future of Appling County's Work Force

Citizens of Appling County may donate gently used children's books for **INFANTS-5 YEARS OLD** children for parents to read aloud to their children at home (i.e. picture, word & board books)

Deliver bagged/boxed donated books to Appling Co. BOE-Allyson Reeves; ACHS-Pam Williams; ACMS-Pam Johnson; ACES-Sarah Alonzo; ACPS-Karen Mills; AES-Gretchen Miles; FDES-Teresa Kimbrell

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