• When young children are exposed to books, they learn to recognize letters, understand the spoken word, and grasp the basics about how to read.

• Reading helps increase vocabulary.

• Students who read do better in school.

Best of all, sharing books together is a lot of fun!

WHAT do I need to get a library card?

It’s simple! Bring the following to your library:

1. Short application (attached)

2. Picture ID with current address (for example, a driver’s license)

3. If you are a child, bring a parent with you to provide the above information.

4. You do not need money to get a card—it is free!

WHERE is my closest library?

*Alachua Branch
14913 NW 140 Street, Alachua, FL

*Archer Branch
13266 SW State Road 45, Archer, FL

*Hawthorne Branch
6640 SE 221 Street, Hawthorne, FL

*Headquarters Library
401 E. University Avenue
Gainesville, FL

*High Springs Branch
135 NW 1st Avenue, High Springs, FL

*Micanopy Branch
Micanopy Town Hall, Micanopy, FL

*Millhopper Branch
3145 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville, FL
(temporarily located in the Bank of America Building, 2nd floor, near Thonemook Village Shopping Center)

*Newberry Branch
110 South Seaboard Drive, Newberry, FL

*Tower Road Branch
3020 SW 75th Street, Gainesville, FL

*Waldo Branch
14257 Cole Street, Waldo, FL
OTHER perks about the library...

- DVD's, music, magazines
- Computer access
- A place to study
- Planned programs for different ages, including storytime groups
- A wonderful main website that has tons of information and resources: http://www.acld.lib.fl.us/

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SO, where can parents learn more about reading with their young children?

The American Academy of Pediatrics has a website www.aap.org with a section specifically for parents. The following link will take you to tips that help parents share in reading:

http://www.aap.org/publiced/BR_Read.htm

Why My Doctor Loves the Library...

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