



Literacy in San Bernardino County

63% of San Bernardino County 3rd graders do not meet 2016 California English language arts/literacy standards and 32 million adults nationwide can't read. Literacy has a direct impact on elements of a community, especially jobs and the economy, education, public safety and wellness. Vision2Read is a campaign designed to help improve literacy throughout San Bernardino County by connecting people to literacy programs. To learn more, visit www.vision2read.com today where people of all ages can find literacy programs as students or volunteers.

Take the Right Path

Reading Matters



Growth

Songs and rhymes with action and touch stimulates a baby's brain.



Songs

Singing can teach children new vocabulary words.

(Too Small To Fail Blog)



Parents

When parents read to their children, it increases their vocabulary, develops a love for reading, improves academic performance, and increases lifetime learning. (Read with a Child Reading Foundation)



Have books and magazines around the house.

Milestone

Those who are proficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade are much more likely to graduate from high school, and to be economically successful adults.

(Annie E. Casey Foundation)



Good Outcomes...

To participate fully in society and the workplace in 2020, citizens will need powerful literacy abilities that until now have been achieved by only a small percentage of the population.

(National Council on Teachers of English Standards for the English Language Arts)



Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3-4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

(U.S. Department of Education)

\$2 billion

More than \$2 billion is spent each year on students who repeat a grade because they have reading problems.

(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

When children don't read...



Annual cost of low literacy is **\$80 billion** in low productivity, and **\$225 billion** in unemployment benefits, lost taxes, and crime.

(Literacy Partners)

85% | 70%



85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, and over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level.

(U.S. Department of Justice)

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One-fifth of high school graduates can't read their diplomas.

(U.S. Department of Justice)

50% of the nation's unemployed youth age 16-21 are functionally illiterate, with virtually no prospects of obtaining good jobs.

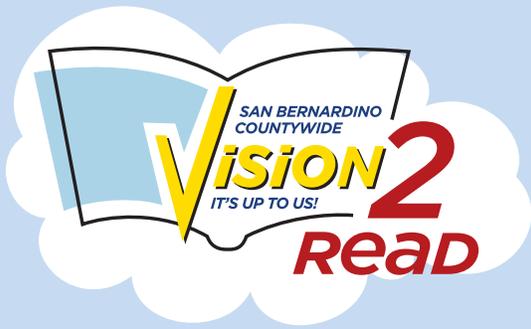
(U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services)



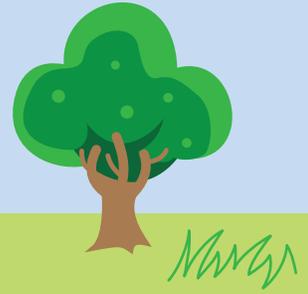
Student Literacy

37% of 3rd-grade students in San Bernardino County met or exceeded the English language arts/literacy standards on the 2016 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress test, compared to 43% statewide and 40% in Riverside County.





ADD-A-BOOK!



The gift of literacy is the gift of a better life.

Add a book to your holiday and birthday gifts to family and friends this year.
And, add a book to your donations to those in need.



Sixty-nine percent of San Bernardino County third graders do not meet new California English language arts/literacy standards. Access to books profoundly impacts a child's academic and career achievement.

Vision2Read is a year-long campaign designed to help improve literacy throughout San Bernardino County by connecting people to available literacy resources and volunteer opportunities.

Connect to Literacy: www.Vision2Read.com



San Bernardino Countywide Vision



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