



# 12 Family Literacy Coupons

*Use these coupons:*

- As a **surprise** in lunches or on pillows.
- As a **reward** for passing a math exam.
- As a **gift** in an Easter basket!
- As **payment** for chores.
- As a **fun** way to bring family members together!!



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## What is family literacy?

Family Literacy refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills, from enjoying a storybook together at bedtime and during the day, to playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for fun and interesting sites.

*(Family Literacy in Canada: Profiles of Effective Practices, Adele Thomas, Soleil Publishing Inc., 1998)*

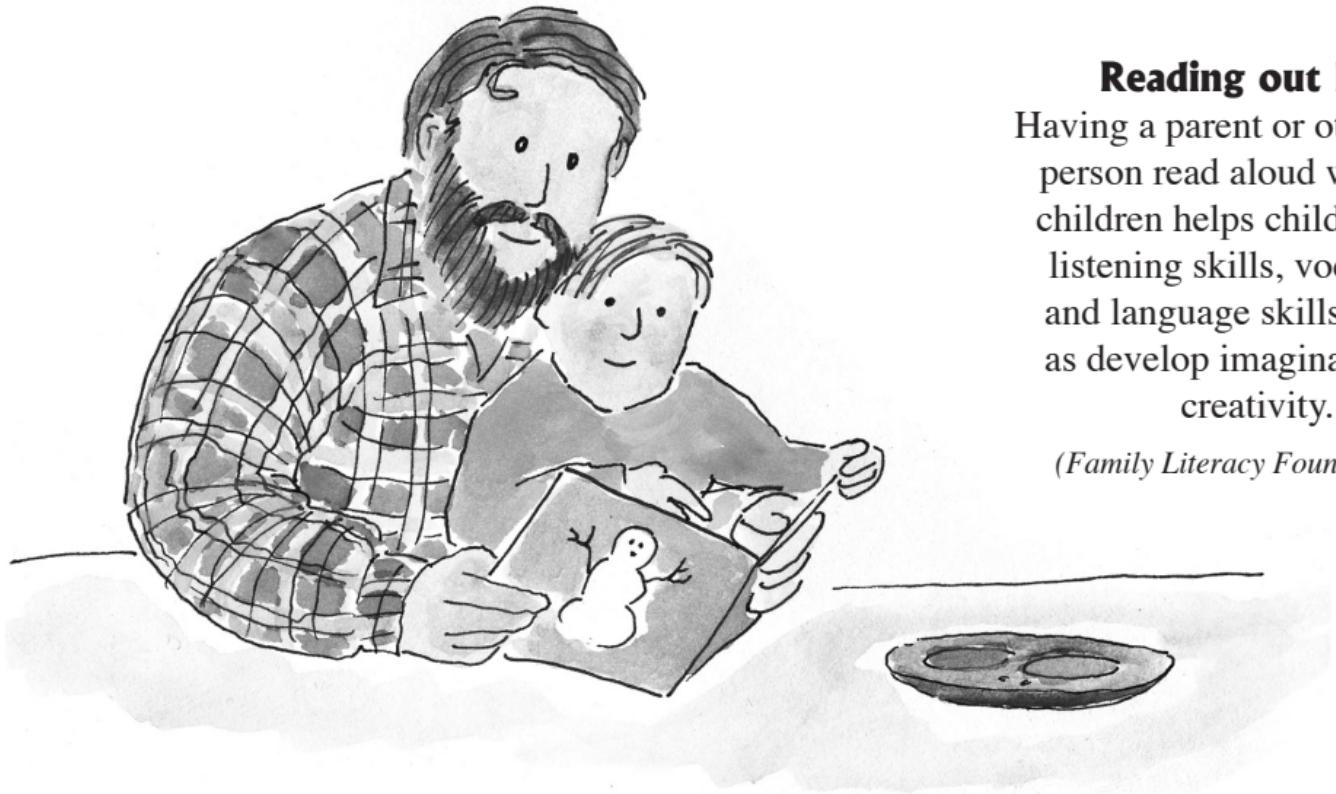
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coupon for  
**One Extra Book**  
**Before Bedtime***

*Read by Someone  
in the Family*



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## **Reading out loud**

Having a parent or other caring person read aloud with their children helps children learn listening skills, vocabulary and language skills, as well as develop imagination and creativity.

*(Family Literacy Foundation; 2001)*

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## Create a print-rich home environment!

- Have a wide variety of books available to children
- Encourage children to look at books on their own
- Set aside a family reading area and a family reading time



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**Two Extra Books  
Before Bedtime**

*Read by Someone  
in the Family*

*Weekend Only!*

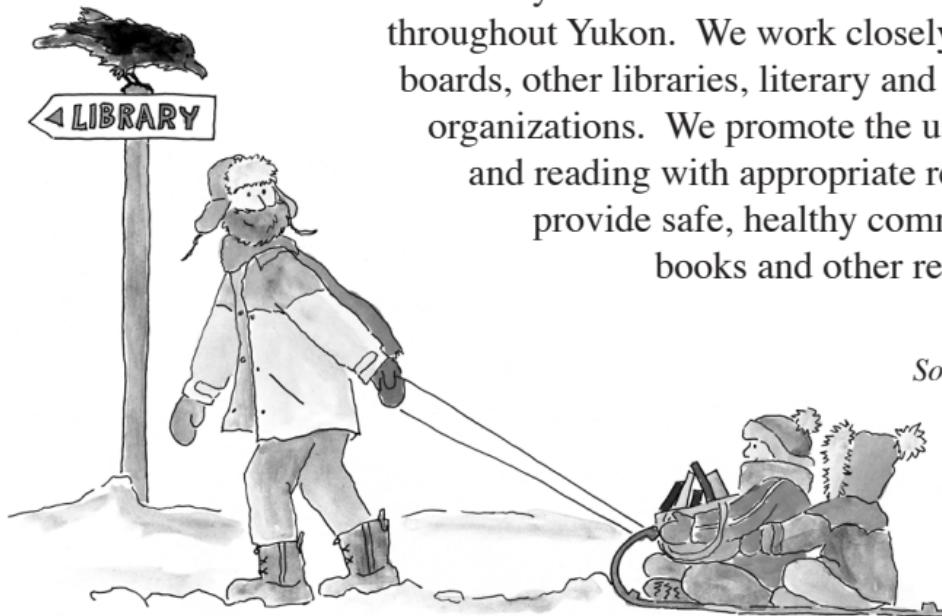
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## **Yukon Public Libraries**

Public Libraries provides library services to Yukon people through a central library in Whitehorse and 14 community branches located throughout Yukon. We work closely with community library boards, other libraries, literary and literacy groups and similar organizations. We promote the use of public libraries, books and reading with appropriate resources and programs. We provide safe, healthy community meeting places and books and other resources to meet the needs of people of all ages.

*Source: Government of Yukon Website*



Redeem this  
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**One Family Trip  
to the Library**



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## Reading = Love

For a child, the more time spent with a parent reading aloud increases his or her level of attachment, enhances a sense of security, and imparts the knowledge that their parent feels they are worthwhile people with whom to spend time.

*Redeem this  
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One Book from  
the Local Book  
Store  
My pick!!*



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## Tell stories together!

- Talk together about your family history.
- Look at old vacation photos, and discuss your memories of the trip.
- Tape your storytelling.
- Here are some story ideas:

*The time we flew to...*

*Remember when the dog...*

*When you were a baby...*

*The funniest joke Uncle ever played on everyone was...*

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### **One Family Funny Story Night**

*Everyone shares  
their favorite funny  
family story!*



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### **Model reading and writing!**

- Make use of the family reading area on your own.
- Let children see you reading for work or to learn something.
- Let children see you reading for pleasure.

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**One Family  
Board or Card  
Game Night**



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## Cook with your child to develop literacy!

- Show your child how to read a recipe.
- Read the labels on ingredients together.
- Make a family cookbook of favorite recipes.

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**One Family  
Cookie Baking  
Afternoon***



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**Explore books  
together!**

- As you read, point out important features about the book
- Ask your child questions
- Point out new vocabulary

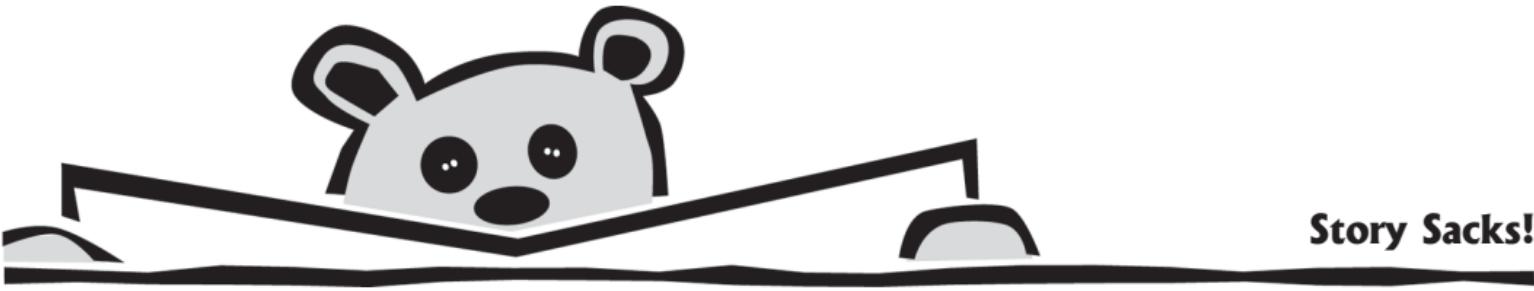


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**One Extra Hour  
of Reading Before  
Bedtime**

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**Borrow one of the Story Sacks  
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One Evening of  
Family Fun with  
Yukon Literacy  
Coalition's Story  
Sacks*



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*Have reading fun at a lake,  
the Cabin or maybe in the  
living room!*

## **Camp Read-a-lot!**

**Step 1:** Choose a location.

**Step 2:** Lay out sleeping bags, blankets and pillows to make the area comfy. Maybe pitch a tent in the living room and get cozy in the tent.

**Step 3:** Everyone get into their pajamas and chooses their favorite book.

**Step 4:** Everyone reads their book or a favorite section of their book to the rest of the family. Or maybe make up a story to share with everyone!

*Redeem this  
coupon for  
**One Evening of  
Family Camping  
& Reading***



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## Great Kids Magazines

1. **Muse Magazine** features articles on space, genetics, lasers, rain forests, computers, physics, math, visual arts, earth sciences, and almost everything else in the universe.
2. **Creative Kids Magazine** has ideas and activities to entertain, challenge, and stimulate creativity in children ages 8-14. Includes examples of student work, and art, photography, music, games, puzzles, contests, and stories.
3. **Dig Magazine** is packed with mummies, pyramids, new discoveries about ancient civilizations, and more (grades 4 and up).



4. **Calliope Magazine** is the perfect passport to world history magazine. Written for kids ages 9 to above, Calliope goes beyond the “facts” to explore provocative issues. Kids will learn about the people and events that shaped world history - Napoleon, Tang Dynasty, Galileo, and more.

*Source: Amazon.com*

