



Warren, Let's READ Together

Warren County Literacy Program for Preschoolers
Sponsored by Hometown Warrenton, Inc. & Ferst
Foundation of Childhood Literacy
For more info: www.ferstfoundation.org

Literacy in Georgia*

1 in 5 of our children lives in poverty

Approximately 61 percent of low-income families do not have a single piece of reading material suitable for a child

A third of our children come to school unprepared to learn

Only 28% of Georgia 4th graders read at or above proficiency

We have the nation's third highest rate of high school dropouts

One in four adults in Georgia operates at a low literacy level

Illiteracy and low literate workers cost Atlanta \$2.6 billion and Georgia businesses \$7 billion each year

Several states plan how many jail cells they will build in the future by how many children are not reading on grade level by third grade

*[Ferst Foundation of Childhood Literacy](http://www.ferstfoundation.org)

A Book A Month

In Warren County, each month, until age 5, a new book will be mailed directly to the registered child's home address. The [Ferst Foundation](http://www.ferstfoundation.org) & Hometown Warrenton want to make it more likely for every child in our community who enters Kindergarten to have been read to regularly by their family members.

Benefits of Your Child Being Registered

Children registered in the program receive a book at his/her home every month via U.S. mail until their fifth birthday. If they are registered as soon as they are born, each child will receive up to 60 free books for his/her own personal library! Also included are tips for the parents on how to read aloud with their child, and a monthly communication piece, which will provide a book guide and child activity page.

Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills to the program, Hometown Warrenton is always looking for assistance! This program would not be successful if not for the help of volunteers such as yourself! Ways to help:

- ❖ Publicize your support of "Warren, Let's READ Together" (write a letter to the newspaper, etc. in support of the program)
- ❖ Create marketing materials for fundraising events and website
- ❖ Create thank you certificate for donors
- ❖ Create book guides (specific strategies and ideas for families to utilize the book they just received) for the Imagination Library books (age appropriate)
- ❖ Research potential funding/grant sources
- ❖ Write draft grant requests
- ❖ Sponsor a child yourself

Warren, Let's READ Together would not be in existence if not for our partner, [Ferst Foundation of Childhood Literacy](http://www.ferstfoundation.org). [Click here](#) for more information on the overall program founded and managed by [Ferst Foundation](http://www.ferstfoundation.org).

Contact us at chamber@warrencountyga.com or 706.465.9604 to register your child, volunteer, or donate!