

# Bringing Books to Nebraska

## We Read We Grow



1. Expand access to books for early care and education providers, with a goal of reaching 1,000 providers.
2. Support the adoption of shared book reading in home, early care, and educational settings.
3. Increase access to culturally and linguistically responsive books that reflect Nebraska's diverse population.



**780 Registered Providers  
Receiving Free Books for  
Families**



1. Create Community Gardens in Omaha, Schuyler, and Hastings so families can access books across their communities.
2. Register 3,000 incoming kindergartners focusing on Omaha, Schuyler, and Hastings.
3. Each kindergarten family identified will receive 4 books a week for 25 weeks.
4. Providers receive monthly shipments of books to distribute to families.
5. Provider pre- and post-surveys as well as a family survey.
6. Writers workshops for content development. Twenty local books published in Nebraska thus far.



**800,000 Books  
Distributed to Families by  
End of December 2024**

**Nebraska Growing Readers (NGR)** is designed to create access to relevant books for all children birth to age five, regardless of location within the state.

Before this decade ends, NGR aims to transform the literacy landscape of our state and aspires to cultivate a love of reading in communities by fostering an early love for books and shared reading

To do so, we will develop "book gardens" (easily accessible distribution sites for books within communities) across our state, and, most of all, to remind parents that they are their child's first teacher.



**Currently 25,000 Nebraska  
Children Receiving Free Books**



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