

# Community Resources



## Highland Park Police Department

- Non-emergency telephone number: (732) 572-3800
- EMERGENCY telephone number: 9-1-1
- Address: 222 South 5th Avenue



## Highland Park Fire Department

- Non-emergency telephone number: (732) 572-4323
- EMERGENCY telephone number: 9-1-1
- Address: 220 South 5th Avenue



## Highland Park First Aid Squad

- EMERGENCY telephone number: 9-1-1
- Address: 128 South 11th Avenue



## Highland Park Borough Hall

- Mayor's office and town government
- Address: 221 South 5th Avenue



## Emergency Notification Systems

- Nixle: Emails or text messages about important information
  - Register: <https://www.hpboro.com/i-want-to/sign-up-for-alerts>
- Notify Me Weekly Update: Information about town meetings and employment opportunities
  - Register: <https://www.hpboro.com/i-want-to/sign-up-for-alerts>



## Borough Information Kiosks

- Information about events and garage sales
  - South 11th Avenue and Woodbridge Avenue (near Irving)
  - North 2nd Avenue and Raritan Avenue



## Downtown Living Rooms

- A place for people to relax and enjoy downtown Highland Park.



## Little Free Libraries

- Take books for free! Locations in all areas of Highland Park.





## Social Media, Websites, and News

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hpboro/>
- X: @hpboro
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/hptv15/featured>
- Highland Park Borough Website: <http://www.hpboro.com/>
- HPTV: <https://www.hpboro.com/departments/hptv>
- Highland Park Quarterly Newsletter:  
<https://www.hpboro.com/departments/communications/highland-park-quarterly>
- Online Newspaper: Highland Park Plant <http://highlandparkplanet.org/>



## Community Center -

- Address: 220 South Sixth Avenue
- Phone: (732) 819-0052
- Hours:
  - Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
  - Tuesday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
  - Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Website: <https://www.hpboro.com/departments/community-services>
- **Recreation Program**
  - Programs, activities and events:
    - Youth sports, adult sports, summer camp, activities, community events
  - Website: <https://www.hpboro.com/departments/community-services/recreation-programs>
  - Program information: <https://highlandparknj.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>
- **Senior Services**
  - The Department of Community Services Office of Aging offers a variety of valuable programming, services and opportunities for older adults 55 years old and older. Our programs and activities include events, classes, lectures and seminars, screenings, support groups, exercise classes, social services, and transportation, our office provides opportunities for older adults to stay actively engaged physically, mentally, and socially.
- **Social Worker**
  - The Department provides an accessible system of services to all residents of Highland Park as well as seniors to help maintain their independence at home.



Advocacy: The Department serves as an advocate and referral service to all residents of Highland Park that may qualify for entitlement programs such as PAAD, Home Energy Assistance, Homestead Benefit & Property Tax Reimbursement, Social Security, Medicare, Senior Housing, Home Health Care, etc.

- SHIP: State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Our Social worker is available to assist seniors in all Medicare related issues and concerns. Counseling is also available on Medicaid and other health-care assistance programs.
- Call to make an appointment: (732) 819-0052

- **Teen Center**

- Address: 600 Benner Street
- The goal of the Zone 6 Teen Center is to provide a safe place for teens to develop themselves centered on four interactional aspects: everyday life; community connections, educational support, and mind/body wellness



## Highland Park Food Pantry

- Address: 220 South 6th Avenue in the Community Center
- Website: <http://www.hpboro.com/foodpantry>
- Services: Help with food for Highland Park Residents
- Hours:
  - Second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 9:00 am - 10:45 am and 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and on the Saturdays of those weeks from 9:30 am - 10:30 am



## Zone 6 Free Groceries

- Free groceries to Highland Park families in need of support. Distributions are every Tuesday & Wednesday from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at the Zone 6/Teen Center, 600 Benner Street.





## Global Grace Cafe (Highland Park Gives a Hoot)

- For all Highland Park children in grades Pre-Kindergarten until 12th grade and accompanying adults
- Lunch: Choose pizza or Global Grace's international dishes
- Address: Global Grace Café, 19 South Second Avenue (inside the Reformed Church), enter from the parking lot.
- Hours: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm when school is not open (summer, spring break, December break)
- Cost: Free or you can make a donation



## Municipal ID Program

- Applicants must be at least 14 years old and a resident of the Borough of Highland Park.
- Parents/guardians must show proof of relationship for any minor applying for an ID card.
- Applicants must show proof of identity and residency.
- Identification Cards are valid for two years from the time of issuance.
- Identification Cards are intended to assist in the identification of the valid cardholder for the purpose of obtaining services from the Borough of Highland Park and at the discretion of businesses within the Borough of Highland Park.
- <https://www.hpboro.com/i-want-to/apply-for/municipal-id>



## Highland Park Public Library

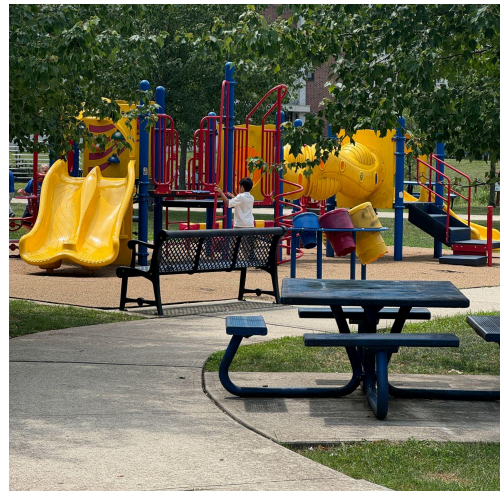
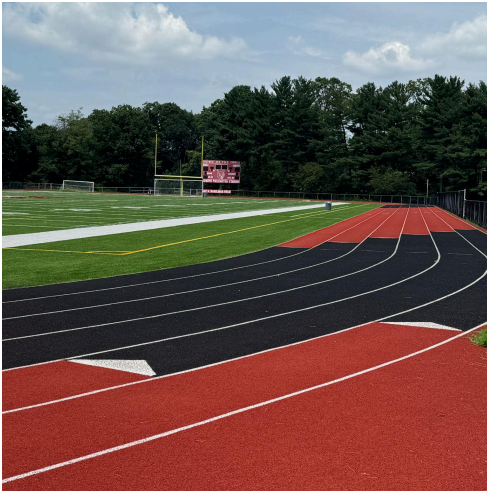
- Address: 31 North 5th Avenue
- Contact: (732) 572-2750
- Website: <https://www.hpplnj.org>
- Services:
  - Borrow books, audio books, and movies
  - Programs for children
  - Quiet study area
  - Computers with internet
  - Events for all ages
- Hours:
  - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
  - Wednesday: 10:00 am– 5:00 pm
  - Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm



- Saturday: 10:00 am– 5:00 pm
- Summer Saturdays: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Sunday: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## Municipal Recreation Complex

The turf field, track, picnic tables, and playground are located behind the Middle School/High School complex. Residents of Highland Park are permitted to use these facilities outside of school hours.



## Molimock-Graff Park

Molimock-Graff Park offers a play structure for children ages 5 – 12 as well as green space for small gatherings and other outdoor activities.

- Address: 100 – 199 Karsey Street
- Hours: Sunrise – Sunset





## Felton Avenue Tot Lot

The Felton Avenue Tot Lot is a pocket park on the south side that offers a play structure for children ages 2 – 5.

- Address: 222 Felton Street
- Hours: Sunrise – Sunset



## The Meadows Trail

The Meadows is the largest Borough owned natural area in Highland Park. Its 18 acres includes forested areas, wetlands, open streams, and important floodplain areas along the Raritan River.

- Address: Trail entrance at the bottom of South Fifth Avenue
- Hours: Sunrise – Sunset



## Donaldson Park

- Address: At the bottom of South 3rd Avenue or South 2nd Avenue
- Playgrounds, dog park, basketball courts, tennis courts, pickleball courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, picnic tables, BBQ areas
- Website for information and reservations for picnic areas:  
<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/about/parksrecreation/pages/pr/donaldson-park.aspx>





## Johnson Park

- Address: River Road in Piscataway
- Playgrounds, tennis courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, cricket pitches, bike paths, zoo, East Jersey Olde Town Historic Village, picnic areas, BBQ areas
- Website for information and reservations for picnic areas:



<http://www.middlesexcountynj.gov/About/ParksRecreation/Pages/PR/Johnson-Park.aspx>

## Highland Park Native Plant Sanctuary

The Highland Park Native Plant Sanctuary is a three-acre open space dedicated to the propagation and protection of native plants. It is open to the public and visitors can explore flowering meadows, woodlands and river views as they walk along its mowed areas and pathways. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and kept on trails or mowed areas.

- Address: 50 River Road
- Hours: Sunrise – Sunset



## Raíces Cultural Center

Raíces Cultural Center, a NJ Nonprofit Corporation, is dedicated to preserving cultural roots through the arts, history and ecology. Raíces Cultural Arts programs explore, teach and share the folkloric and traditional arts of the Caribbean through community classes, ensemble performances and presentations, and multimedia projects highlighting the artistic traditions we work to preserve.

- Address: 20 River Road
- Website: <https://raicesculturalcenter.org/>





## Farmers Market

- An outside market for fruit and vegetables
- Fridays 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in the winter; 11:00 am - 5:00 pm in the spring, summer, and fall
- February - December
- 218 Raritan Avenue



## Town Wide Garage Sale

- Highland Park has a garage sale every September or October. Many people sell used things such as books, toys, kitchen supplies, tools, furniture, bicycles, etc.
- Calendar: <https://www.hpboro.com/i-want-to/advanced-components/basic-pages/calendar-month-view>



## Street Fairs: Arts in the Park and Spring Street Fair

- On a Sunday in September and May
- Raritan Avenue between 2nd Avenue and 5th Avenue is closed to vehicles
- There is food, activities for children, and many things to purchase
- Website: <https://www.mainstreethp.org/artsinthepark>
- Calendar: <https://www.mainstreethp.org/#calendar-section>



## 5K Race/Walk

- Website to register: <http://www.runinthepark.org/>
- A 5 kilometer race that takes place on a Sunday in early May
- You can walk or run. There are also races for children.



## Outdoor Movie Theater

- Website: <https://www.mainstreethp.org/outdoormovies>
- Saturday evenings in June, July, and August
- Bring a chair or blanket



## 4th of July Celebration

- Evening fireworks, food, and music to celebrate Independence Day!
- Address: Donaldson Park, bottom of South 2nd Avenue or South 3rd Avenue
- Bring blankets and chairs to sit
- Check this calendar for the date:

<https://www.hpboro.com/i-want-to/advanced-components/basic-pages/calendar-month-view>



## SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

- Website: <https://spanadvocacy.org/>
- SPAN has information in 13 languages about:
  - Disabilities or special health/mental health needs
  - Poverty or financial instability
  - Discrimination
  - Other special circumstances



## New Labor

- Website: <https://newlabor.org/>
- New Labor is an organization that educates, organizes and fights for better work conditions and social justice in the workplace.
- Services:
  - ESL Classes: Classes teach conversational English that covers topics that ESL learners could practice in their day-to-day lives. Classes accommodate beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of English language skills and knowledge.
  - Contact Amanda Dominguez at [amanda@newlabor.org](mailto:amanda@newlabor.org)



## ESL Classes at the New Brunswick Public Library

- Website: <https://www.nbfpl.org/esl-programs>
- Address: 60 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
- Contact: Kavita Pandey at: [kavita@nbfpl.org](mailto:kavita@nbfpl.org)



## The Cave Afterschool Program

- An afterschool program for students who attend Highland Park Middle School only.
- Students can spend time with their friends after school in a safe and supervised environment, work on homework, play games, and participate in creative activities.
- Hours:
  - When school is in session:
    - Monday - Friday
    - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
  - When school is not in session:
    - Closed





- Cost: Free
- Address: 19 South Second Avenue in the lower level of the Reformed Church
- The program is located inside the church but the program does not teach religion.
- Contact: Lara Arp
  - [Lara@WholsMyneighbor.net](mailto:Lara@WholsMyneighbor.net)
  - 732-379-0897 (office 9am-1pm)
  - 732-439-8928 (cell phone number)
- Contact: Austin Morreale
  - [TheCave@WholsMyNeighbor.net](mailto:TheCave@WholsMyNeighbor.net)
  - 404-944-1648 (cell phone number during Cave hours 3-5pm)

## Zone 6 Teen Center

A teen center for students who attend Highland Park High School only.

- Address: 600 Benner Street
- Contact: Ashton Burrell, Teen Center Coordinator
  - [aburrell@hpboro.com](mailto:aburrell@hpboro.com)
  - (732) 317-2477
- Hours:
  - When school is in session:
    - Monday - Friday
    - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  - When school is not in session:
    - Monday - Thursday
    - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
    - If it's a scheduled Borough Holiday the teen center will be closed
- Cost: Free - Please complete a membership application to participate at Zone 6. Parents physical signature will be required:  
<https://www.hpboro.com/departments/community-services/teen-center>



# Digital Resources

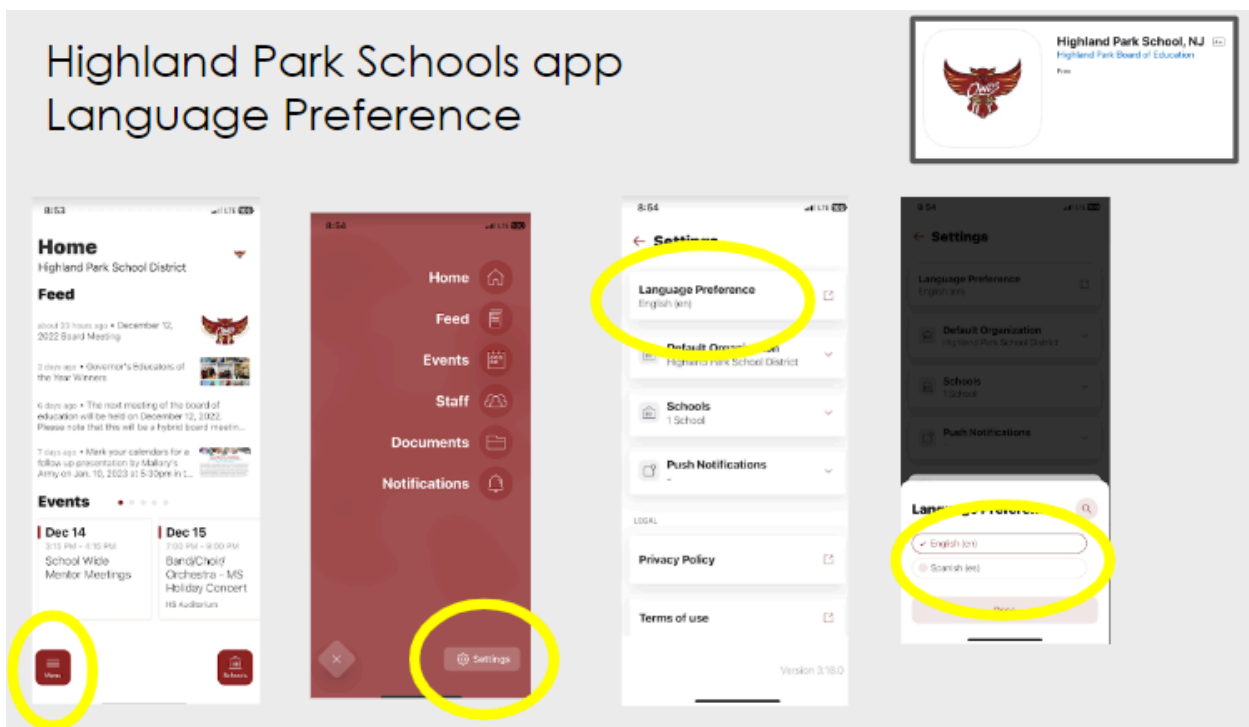


## Highland Park Schools App

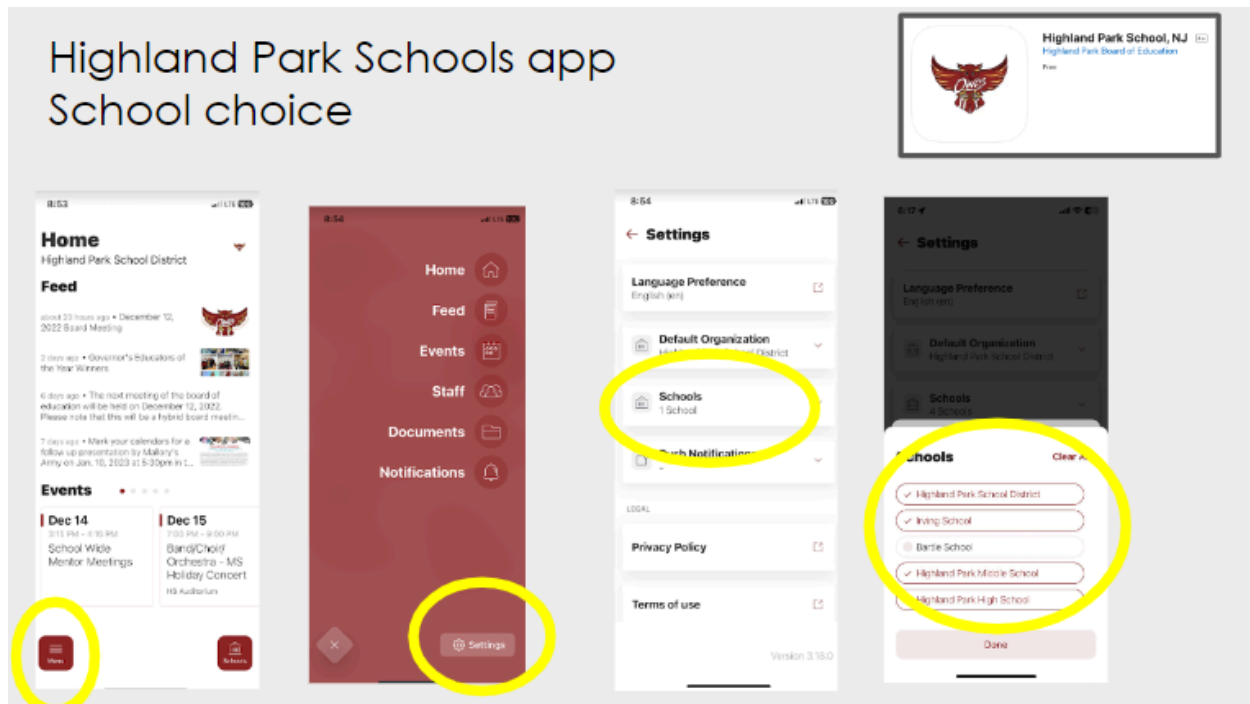
- Download the Highland Park app:
  - Download for Android:  
<https://bit.ly/3gfCXCcr>
  - Download for iPhone:  
<https://apple.co/3V9xr3e>
- Translate into 17 languages:



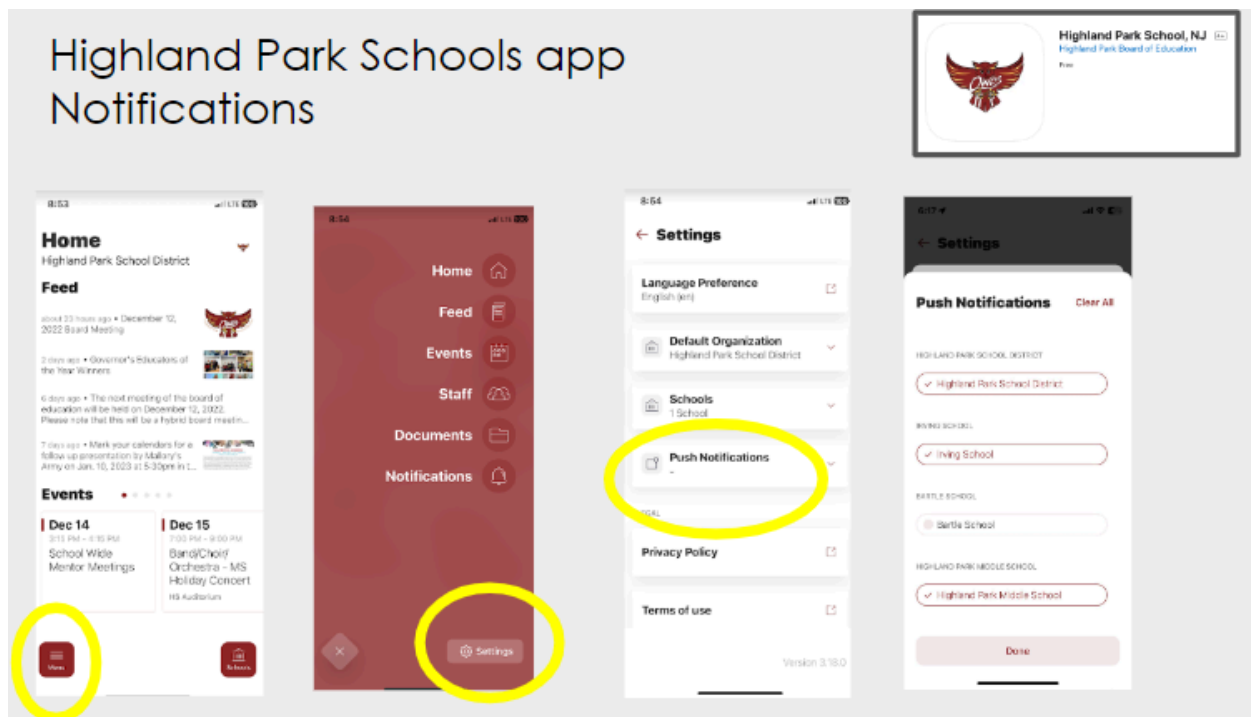
## Highland Park Schools app Language Preference



- School choice:



- Notifications:



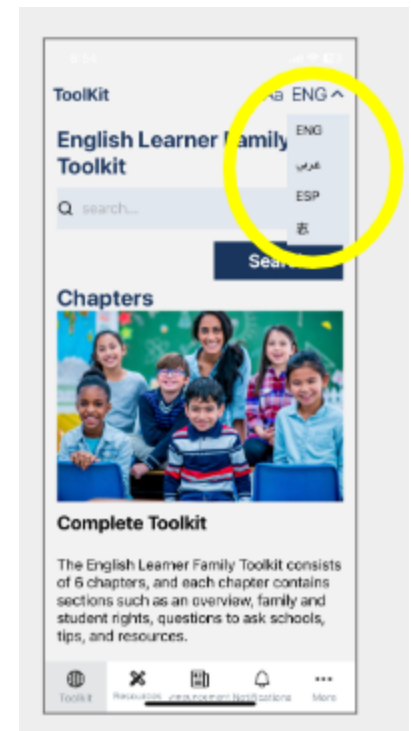


## NCELA Family Toolkit

The English Learner Family Toolkit was created to help families choose education services that meet their child's needs. The toolkit is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, and Spanish. You can download the app to your phone. There is information on the following topics:

1. Enrolling Your Child in School
2. Attending School in the United States
3. Additional Educational Programs and Services to Support Your Child
4. Extracurricular Activities for Your Child
5. The Health and Safety of Your Child at School
6. Helping Your Child Be Successful in School

Website: <https://ncela.ed.gov/educator-support/toolkits/family-toolkit>



## NJTESOL/NJBE Parent Expo Videos

NJTESOL/NJBE is pleased to provide these resources to the parents and guardians of New Jersey's multilingual learners. Informational videos about health resources, legal information, and career information.

Website: <https://www.youtube.com/@njtesol-njbeparentexpo8978/videos>



## New Jersey Office of New Americans

Welcome packets in Spanish, English, and Haitian Creole with a set of resources intended to support you and your family. You will find information about resources and services including legal services, food and income assistance, health care and mental health services, school enrollment, getting a state identification card, and transportation.

Website: <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njnewamericans/newcomers/>



## Reading Tips for Parents in Multiple Languages

One-page parent tips offer easy ways for parents to support their children's literacy development. The tips — for babies through grade 3 — are available in English and 12 other languages.

Website:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/literacy-tips-activities/parent-reading-tips-multiple-languages>



## Unite for Literacy

Free online books narrated in multiple languages.

Website: <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>



## Rosetta - online book project

Free online books narrated in multiple languages.

Website: <http://www.childrensbooksonline.org/library-translations.htm>



## International Children's Online Library

Free online books written in multiple languages.

Website: <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>



## World Stories

Free online books written in multiple languages.

Website: <https://worldstories.org.uk/library>





# Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Download the Milestone Tracker App in English or Spanish:

- Interactive milestone checklists for children ages 2 months through 5 years;
- The ability to complete a checklist using corrected age for children born prematurely;
- Photos and videos to help parents and caregivers recognize milestones;
- Tips and activities for supporting early development;
- An easy way to share developmental progress with their healthcare provider and others;
- Appointment and developmental screening reminders.
- Download the app:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones-app.html>



Milestone Checklists from birth to age 5:

- How your baby plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves offers important clues about his or her development. Check the milestones for your child's age. Take this with you and talk with your baby's doctor at every well-child visit about the milestones your baby has reached and what to expect next.
- Available in 12 languages:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/freematerials.html#toolsfortrackingmilestones-2017>

