



COVID-19 Roundtable
May 1, 2020



Welcome!

Using the Chat box, tell us your name and where you are from!

The Chat Box is at the bottom right of the Go To Meeting screen :)

Hi everyone! Kristen
from RAR National in
Redwood City, CA.

Agenda for Today's Roundtable

- RAR National COVID Resources
- RAR Partner Resources
 - Barefoot Books
 - Save The Children
- Open Discussion-Sharing Session- Blue Bag Events

What else is "top of mind" for you right now? Please share using the chat box.

Library
Connection Ideas

RAR Resources: Partner Highlights



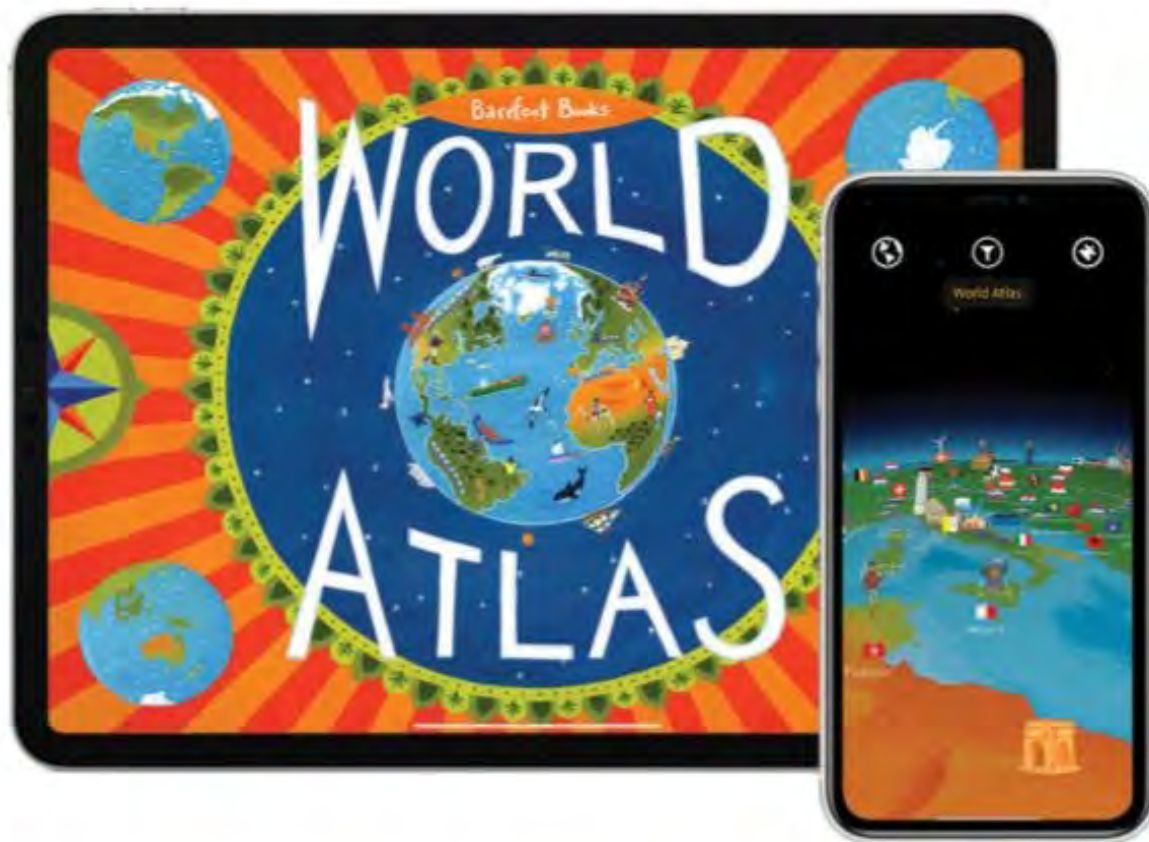
Barefoot Books
step inside a story

Emma Parkin

Editorial Director



Barefoot World Atlas App



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RAR Resources: Partner Highlights



Save the Children®

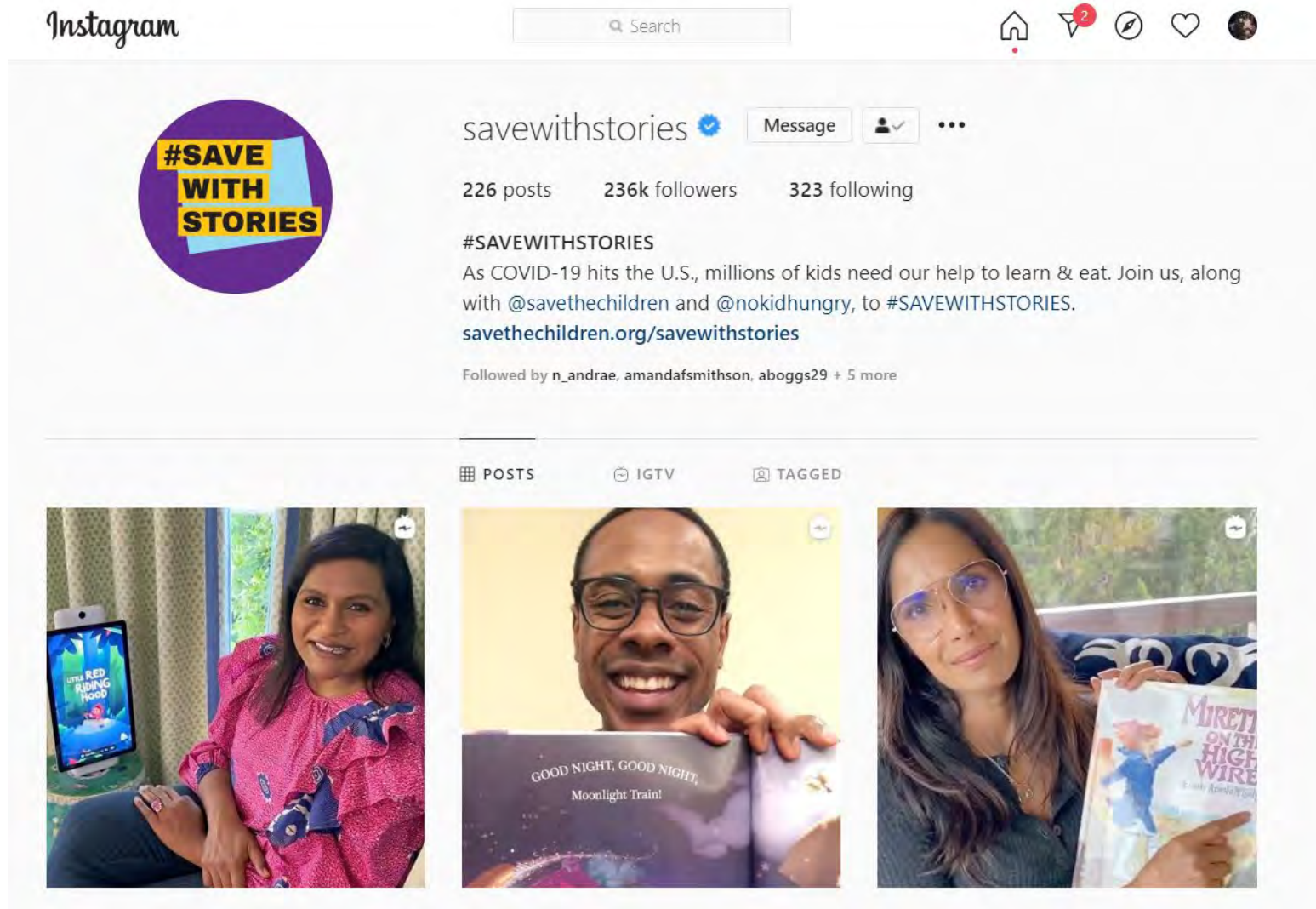
Karen Harrison

Senior Specialist

Save the Children's COVID 19 Response



#SAVEWITHSTORIES



Save the Children®

<https://www.instagram.com/savewithstories/>

Local Support

Save the Children and No Kid Hungry will help make sure schools and community programs have the support they need to keep feeding vulnerable children during the pandemic, as well as to provide age-appropriate books, learning activities, games and toys to children whose schools are closed in some of rural America's poorest communities.



Partnerships



 **Save the Children US** 2 hrs · 🌐

Have you heard? We're partnering with [Instant Pot](#) to support American families and YOU can help!

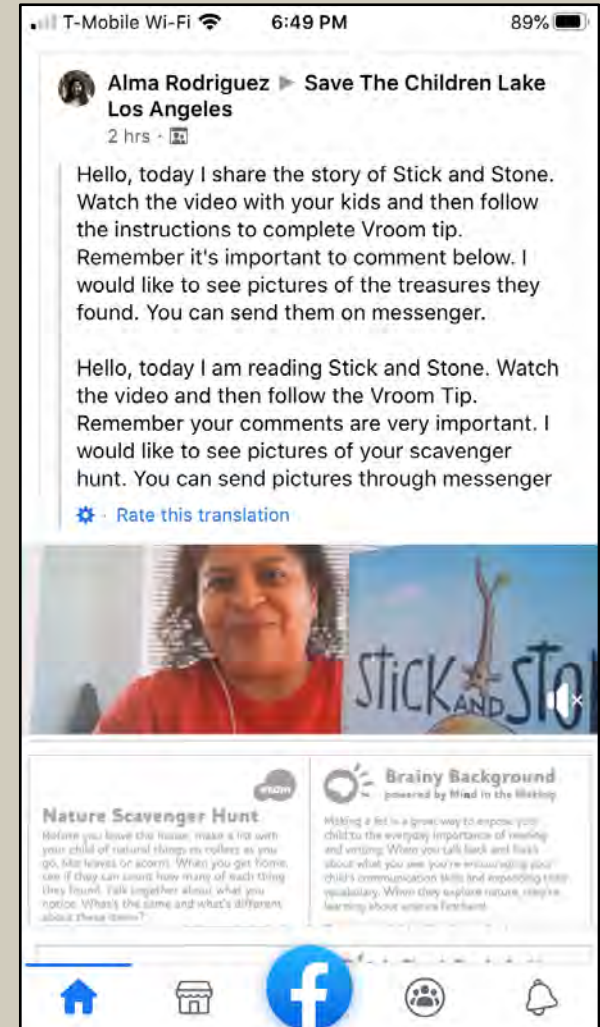
Cooking up an amazing Instant Pot meal? 🍲

Share a photo of your creation and use the hashtag [#InstantPotChallenge](#)! For every post, [Instant Pot](#) will donate an Instant Pot Duo Nova to a family in need. ❤️

Tag your friends, challenge them to join in, and help make meals at home a little easier for up to 10,000 families! 🙌



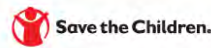
Unique Reach



Family Resources

CORONAVIRUS AND KIDS: RESOURCES FROM SAVE THE CHILDREN

WEEKLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES: GRADES 2-6 ACTIVITY: READING AND WRITING



Monday

READING

Help your child select a story to read from their bookshelf or this [digital resource](#). Have them share a 2-minute summary of the story.

WRITING

Write an alternate ending for the passage or book just read.

Tuesday

READING

Have your child select poems to read or listen to from [this link](#). Have your child share their favorite one and tell you why.

WRITING

Have your child write his or her own poem and read aloud.

Wednesday

READING

Select a [readers' theater script](#). Assign parts and allow time to practice several times. Discuss key parts of the skit and the types of voices that should be used for each part.

WRITING

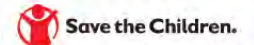
Using a short picture book, have your child create a readers' theater script out of the story.

Thursday

Friday

CORONAVIRUS AND KIDS: RESOURCES FROM SAVE THE CHILDREN

WEEKLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES: EARLY CHILDHOOD



Monday

Babies love to hear you talk! Talking about the sizes of different items in your home supports connection with your baby. Toddlers can try to imitate your language and older children can talk about sizes.

Save milk cartons, empty tissue boxes or cereal boxes. Your child can stack them to make towers. Practice counting and guessing how tall you can make it together!

Tuesday

Water play feels good! Sing a song like baby shark in the bath while pouring water over hands/feet/etc. Name the body parts you are washing.

Have some fun in the bath. You can talk about all the things to do in the water. Use plastic cups of different sizes to talk about full and empty, dripping and pouring.

Wednesday

Babies love to play peek-a-boo. Hide your face with socks or other clothing items.

Help your child sort objects into piles. For example, socks in one pile and shirts in another. Talk about which has more.

Thursday

Use your finger to trace shapes/letters/numbers on your baby, toddler or preschooler's hand or back. For older children have them guess what you are drawing.

Hold up your hands to your child's hands. Talk about the different sizes and how it feels.

Friday

Sing action songs together, such as "Ring Around the Rosey" or "Itsy-Bitsy Spider." Do the actions together.

Counting songs are great! Think of songs like "5 Green and Speckled Frogs" or "5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" to practice number sense.



PARENT AND CAREGIVER CORNER

There is going to be a lot more time with you and your child or children in close quarters. Your patience will be tested, and you may find yourself being more reactive than you are used to. Remember that feeling this way under these circumstances is totally normal, and it doesn't make you a bad caregiver!

It may be that you just need a small break. Take a few moments to quiet your mind, close your eyes, and take 3 slow, deep breaths. Say to yourself, "I am doing the best that I can. Peace begins with me." Open your eyes and take a pulse on your inner calm.

Your calm will influence the calm of your children. Let us assure you, "We're in this together!"

[savethechildren.org/coronavirus-resources](https://www.savethechildren.org/coronavirus-resources)

THANK YOU



Save the Children

Blue Library Bag Events and Library Connections

Blue Bags and BOOKS at Meal Distribution

- What's in the Blue Library Bag?
 - Book(s) for children to keep
 - Reading tip sheets,
 - Learning packet and activity suggestions
 - Library e-card application
- Families are notified of Blue Library Bag distribution days via email/text/call
- Blue Library Bags are distributed during meal distribution time.



Blue Library Bag Events and Library Connections

Blue Bags and BOOKS at Home Visits

- What's in the Blue Library Bag?
 - Book(s) for children to keep
 - Reading tip sheets,
 - Learning packet and activity suggestions
 - Library e-card application
- Families are notified of Blue Library Bag distribution days via email/text/call



Blue Library Bag Events and Library Connections

Fall Distribution

- Provide families with connection to online resources for summer
- SY 20-21, Blue Library Bags provided by School Librarian.
- School Librarians love the Blue Library Bag since it helps protect books from their collections.



Blue Library Bag Events and Library Connections

Summer Programming

Some programs are still planning smaller-scale services for the summer...

- Classroom-based Blue Library Bag Distribution
- Create a 'themed' event that corresponds with summer program, "Reading Rockstars"



How Can We Support the Sustainability of Home Literacy Habits?



- **Online Library Services**
 - **Ebooks**
- **Curated Resources**
- **Virtual Story Times**
- **Virtual play groups**
- **Book Distribution**
 - **Book Banks**
- **RAR Videos!**

Library Resources

- [Day by Day](#): A website for young children and their families with daily ideas to keep learning fun. It is part of the New York State Library early literacy initiative [Ready to Read at New York Libraries](#).
- [Junior Library Guild](#): With JLG Gold Standard eBooks for Elementary, Middle School and High School students, [JLG Digital](#) gives you and your readers **unlimited access to read books online** from any device.
- **NOTICE: Usernames & passwords are no longer needed!**
- [Starfall](#): Free and low-cost online activities and resources for grades PreK to 3. The website was specifically designed to teach children to read but has since expanded to include mathematics and language arts.
- [Storynory](#): This website features a vast collection of audio stories where children can read along to the text. The website's library includes original stories, fairy tales, and classics.
- [Storyline Online](#): An award-winning children's literacy website that features videos of celebrated actors reading from children's books.

How Will You Connect Families to the Library?



RAR Resources

- [COVID Toolkit](#)
 - [Coronavirus: A Book for Children](#)
 - [Family Literacy Calendars](#)
 - [Funding Resources](#)
 - [Grant Template Language](#)
 - [How to Create Videos](#)
 - [Publisher Permissions](#)
 - [Parent Tip Sheets](#)
 - [Red Bag Safe Keeping Flyer](#)
 - [Resource Library](#)
 - [RAR's Youtube Page](#)

RAR Call to Action!
[Affiliate Survey](#)



Now in Chinese! And coming soon in Spanish!

- [Beyond the Books – Fun Ways to Engage your Children](#)
- [Parent Tip Sheet](#)



KEEP YOUR RED BAG SAFE!

We're glad that your family is able to enjoy the Raising A Reader books while we are all staying at home. We will be collecting the bags when it is safe to do so. Until you hear more details, please keep the books and bags in a safe place.



Sunshine Garden Preschool

For any questions, please email
xxxxxx@school.edu



Also in
Spanish



May 12, 9:30–11 a.m. ET

[Register here](#)

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PAW Patrol



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RAR Shared Resources

[A Free Virtual Mini Conference for Early Childhood Educators](#)



Tuesday May 5, 2020, 1:00PM-5:00PM EST

**Learn How School Districts And Government Funded Developers Are Supporting The Youngest Learners
During COVID-19**

RAR Shared Resources

- [Brightly Storytime Read Alouds](#): This YouTube page shares books while highlighting the words of the story. Playlists are categorized by age, interests, types and genres, including the [Diverse & Inclusive Children's Storytime Books](#)



- [LIVE! with an Author](#) is a free online event series of intimate and inspiring conversations with notable authors from our community.
- Tuesday, May 5th
- 6pm EST
- Rob Cocuzzo, author of *Tracking the Wild Coomba*
- Register [here](#).

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RAR Shared Resources



Raising A Reader- Calhoun County



Raising A Reader Calhoun County

April 10 at 4:08 PM · 🌐

With owls!!! 🦉

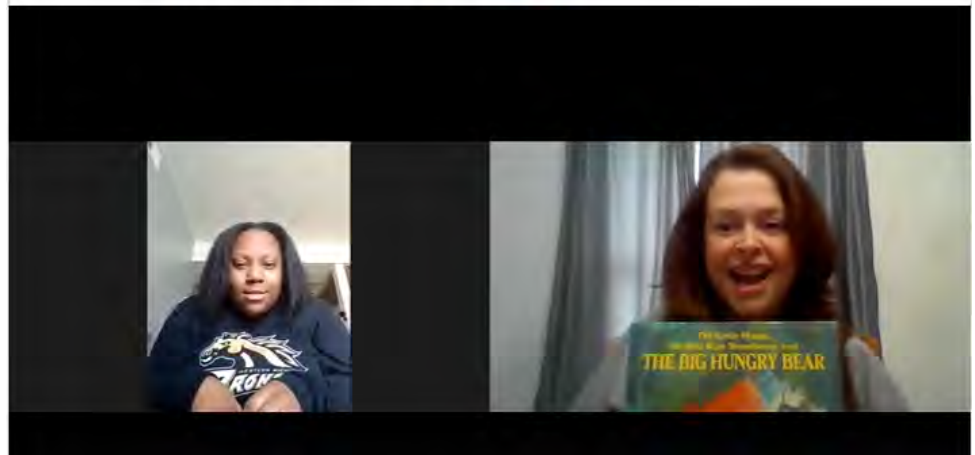


Raising A Reader Calhoun County

April 22 at 9:56 AM · 🌐

Aysia and Amanda are reading The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear. Aysia is currently a student learning ASL translation. What an amazing opportunity for us at Early Childhood Connections and RAR- Calhoun County!!

PS- This is our first attempt...be gentle 😊



Parent Services Project | Raising A Reader Aspen to Parachute

Let's see... How is it that playing with a ball is science? Well, it is. Let Red Riding Hood show you and explain a little about her favorite sport, Baseball.
Let's play ball!

⚙️ · [See original](#) · [Rate this translation](#)

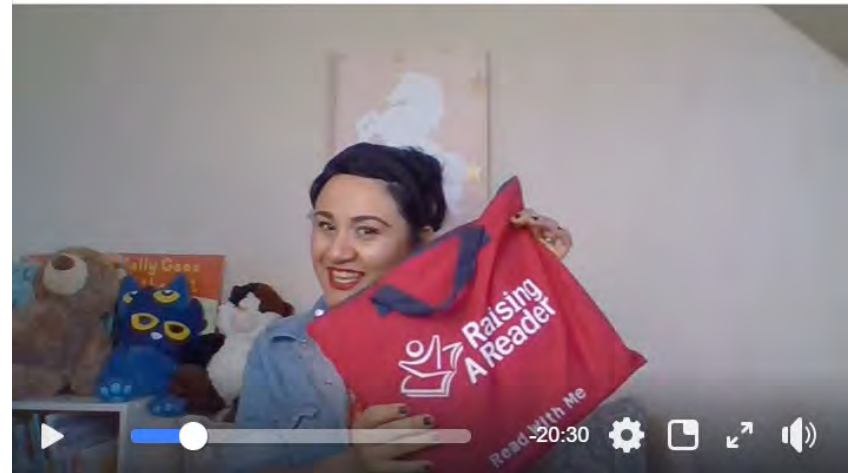


Raising A Reader Aspen to Parachute

18 hrs · 🌐

Spanish Storytime is also great for your child's brain!

This is the perfect time for them to listen to new languages since their brains are super wired to learn new words. 🗣️ 📖



Affiliate Questions

We've heard from you concerning:

- **Upcoming Webinars and Training Events**
- **Year-End Surveys**
- **Red Bag Retrieval**
- **Disinfecting Red Book Bags**



Have Questions? Send them to us via rarinquiry@raisingareader.org or contact your trusted Portfolio Manager.

Sharing Session/Discussion

