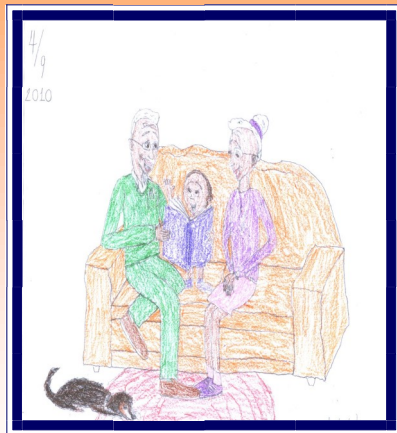


**Reading is Grand!** Is a celebration of the important role grandparents play in the lives of children. It is through their infinite wisdom and experiences that children learn the unique cultural and familial values that helps them grow into valuable contributors to the global community.

Sharing stories, both oral and written, are the building blocks of literacy. It is through this exchange that children learn about their world and how people relate to each other in it. Shared stories inspire growth and encourage exploration.

On this day and everyday read and share stories with the children in your lives. The books recommended in this brochure were chosen for their celebration of family, their reflection of the experiences unique to extended families and in honor of Grandparents.



## Tips for Encouraging Literacy

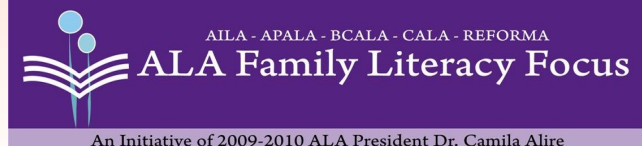
- ◇ **Share stories about your childhood with your grandchildren. Encourage them to write the story down and illustrate it. Read the story together.**
- ◇ **Visit your local public library to check out non-fiction books about events that occurred during your childhood. Share them with your grandchildren.**
- ◇ **Take your grandchildren to the library for story times and other literature based programs offered by the library.**
- ◇ **Share family pictures from events that occurred before your grandchildren were born. Encourage your grandchildren to make-up a story based on the pictures.**
- ◇ **Read to and with your grandchildren often.**

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June 1, 2010 and everyday!**



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## Recommended Reading

### *Books for Young Children*

Always my Dad-Sharon Wyeth

Big Mama's-Donald Crews

Grandfather and I-Helen Buckley

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Grandpa's Face-Eloise Greenfield

In Daddy's Arms I AM TALL: African Americans Celebrating Fathers-Javaka Steptoe

Jazz Baby- Lisa Wheeler

Jewels-Belinda Rochelle

Ma Dear's Old Greenhouse-Denise Patrick

Miss Lizzy-Libba Gray

My Nana and Me-Irene Smalls

My Pop Pop and Me-Irene Smalls

No Mirrors In My Nana's House-Ysaye M. Barnwell

### *Books for Young Children*

On the Day I Was Born-Debbi Chocolate

Peek-a-boo Bedtime-Rachel Isadora

Peek-a-boo Morning-Rachel Isadora

Singing with Momma Lou- Linda Altman

Storm in the Night-Mary Stolz

Sunday-Synthia St. James

The Patchwork Quilt-Valerie Flournoy

Things I Like About Grandma-Francine Haskins

Trina's Family Reunion-Roz Grace

Welcome, Precious-Nikki Grimes

When I am Old with You-Angela Johnson

### *Books for Older Children*

Grandma's General Store;The Ark-Kathy English

Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World-Mildred Pitts

Porch Lies: Tales of Tricksters, Slicksters and Other Wily Characters-Patricia McKissack

Read and Rise-Sandra L. Pinkney

Robert Lives with his Grandparents-Martha Whitmore Hickman

The Baby on the Way-Karen English

The Girl Who Ate Chicken Feet-Sandy Richardson

### *Books for Teens/Adults*

A Family Affair -Marcus Major.

A Little Love-Virginia Hamilton

At the Elbows of My Elders: One Family's Journey Toward Civil Rights-Gail Melissa Grant

The Thang that Ate my Granddaddy's Dog-John Calvin Rainey

Toning the Sweep-Angela Johnson