We are 10 years old!

This year, the Nal’iBali reading-for-enjoyment campaign is celebrating its 10th anniversary! In 2012, Nal’iBali was launched as a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign. Its aim was to spark and embed a culture of reading across South Africa by reading, writing and sharing stories—in all of the South African languages—would become part of everyday life. To make that vision a reality, Nal’iBali has produced many wonderful stories for children across all of the South African languages. These stories are shared in our bilingual supplement, as printed books and radio stories, on our website and via social media, so that every child can enjoy a story every day!

Every child from 0 years onward

Even babies can—and should—enjoy a story every day. Children learn to read by first hearing words in stories, and then learning how to do it for themselves. The more you read aloud and talk to babies, the more words they hear. Sharing books with pictures, rhymes and stories helps teach them vocabulary and language—and get their brains thinking! These are skills critical for school success, and it is up to us as adults and caregivers to model the behaviour of reading from an early age.

Every day for just 15 minutes

Taking time out of a busy day to read to your children shows them how important it is to you. Reading to your children every day:

- makes it an enjoyable habit and helps them become lovers of books and lifelong readers;
- means you are making time for them. The memory of satisfying story times with you will stay with your children throughout their lives.

Enjoy stories as a family

One of the wisest investments we can make in our children is listening and talking to them and doing things together. These things happen naturally when families spend even a short time together each day, telling and reading stories together.

4 easy wins

1. Read in their mother tongue.
2. Read what they love.
3. Read printed books.
4. Read together.

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