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# Encouraging Your Child to Love Reading

**W**orking parents often wonder what they can do to encourage their children to become eager readers. Here are some steps you can take to create enthusiasm:

- Have books and reading material of all kinds around the house. Provide a wide range of reading for your child.
- Show how reading can provide valuable and practical information. Children learn by example. Let your child see you reading - magazines, recipes, and newspapers, as well as books.
- Spend time each day reading to your child. Begin reading to your infant, and don't stop when your child learns to read by himself/herself. Even school-agers love hearing exciting stories.
- Let your children read to you. Encourage your preschoolers to tell stories based on pictures.
- Plan frequent trips to the library, and allow the children to select their own books. Children's librarians are a wonderful resource and are there to help you and your child.



- Encourage children to talk about books they are reading. Provide follow-up activities which extend ideas from the books into real life. For example, take your child to the zoo after reading a book on animals.
- Pick books you really enjoy; you will be reading them over and over and over.

The key to encouraging your child to love reading is to take time to share the pleasure and value reading can bring to everyday life.

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