

# Help your child discover the joy of reading

Some kids seem to have their noses constantly in a book. But others haven't found the joy of reading yet.

To encourage your child to read:

- Ask your librarian to recommend high-interest books. There are books that appeal to almost every child. Kids who enjoy adventure may find that they love the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series. Those who like to laugh may enjoy the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.
- Make a library scavenger hunt. The next time you're in the library, make up a list of questions that require your child to use different reference books. Make these fun—the batting average of a famous baseball player, the average temperature at Disney World.
- Keep track of how many books your child reads. Paste a sticker on a chart for each book he completes. Or, encourage him to make a paper chain—one link for each book. Challenge him to make a chain long enough to stretch around his room.
- Suggest audiobooks. There are wonderful recordings of favorite books—many may be available from your public library. Some-times just hearing the words in a book can encourage a child to go back and read it later.
- Read aloud. It's one of the most traditional ways to get kids to read—and it really works! Choose a book you both enjoy, set aside 15 minutes for reading and invite your child to snuggle up with you.

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