

How to Encourage Your Children to Read!

Family Reading Time Ideas...

Families fall into habits. They eat dinner at about the same time each day. They often watch television at the same times throughout the week. Family reading time can also become a family habit. Set aside a special time each week when everyone in the family reads. Start with a small amount of time, maybe 30 minutes, when everyone finds a good book or magazine and a cozy chair. Family members read silently on their own. Then end the session by briefly "talking about reading." Even the little children can participate by looking at picture books and magazines.

Visit a Library this Week!

Libraries are wonderlands of beautiful pictures, fascinating stories, and mountains of facts and information. Libraries have books and newspapers and magazines. Libraries are warm and bright and fun. Libraries are quiet and friendly. Libraries are perfect for family visits. Visit the library with your family this week. When you arrive at the library, let your children browse and find books or magazines they find interesting. If you do not have a library card, inquire at the desk about obtaining one. If your children do not know how to find a book, ask a librarian to show them. Don't insist that your children do anything except spend time with books, relaxing and enjoying themselves. Visits to the library should be pleasant and unhurried. After the visit, you will have plenty to talk about.