

Family Tips to Support Your Student's Reading All Summer Long

Finding books for your student to read

Check out one or more of the following sources to be sure your student has access to reading materials that match their interests and reading levels.

Local Public Library: See if your local public library offers services like curbside pick-up that provide access to print books during regular and extended hours.

Little Free Library: Visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/> to find locations of little free libraries in your area. If you don't see any listed, create your own or encourage families in your area to set one up!

Book Swap: Swap books with friends or classmates.

Online Reading Materials:

- Online library services that read books digitally
- Public libraries that have additional online resources available
- Accelerated Reader Nonfiction Articles (nearly 2,000 are available) that students can self-select from within Accelerated Reader and then take the related quiz
- Renaissance myON Reader and myON News
- YouTube Book Readings featuring local and national celebrities reading their favorite children's stories



Students can use [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder](#) to search for books that have a related quiz.

Talking to your student about reading

Here are some conversation starters to begin discussions about the books your student is reading. Ask one or more of the following questions about each book.

Main Character: If you were the main character in the story, would you make the same choices?

Setting: Where does this book take place? Is this somewhere you would like to visit or learn more about?

Recall: Tell me about the book you read. What was your favorite part of the story? What challenge did the main character face?

Prediction: What do you think this book is going to be about? What do you think is going to happen next?



Fun Family Reading Activities

Research shows that students of all ages enjoy sharing reading experiences with the adults in their lives. Try a few of these ideas to see which ones work best for your family.

15-20 Minutes: Research shows that reading 15-20 minutes a day leads to reading growth. Try to set aside 20 minutes a day to read with your child.

Get Cozy: Cuddle up and read to your children every night before going to bed.

Reading Fort: Set up a fort or tent specifically meant for reading with your child indoors or outside. Create a sign to hang on the fort—Readers Only Past This Point!

Family Night: Establish your very own family night read-in. Set aside designated time when the entire family reads.

Read to an Audience: Reading to an audience is fun! Have young children read aloud to their stuffed animals, pets, siblings, or you.

Virtual Read-Aloud: Have your child read their favorite book to a friend or relative via a virtual meeting site.

Book Club: Have your students and their friends choose a book to read and virtually meet to discuss each chapter.

Lead by Example: Your children look up to you and want to emulate your actions. If you set a good example by reading, they will want to read as well.

Challenge Board: Expand your child's reading by using the [Summer Reading Challenge Board](#). It has many ideas for making reading fun and encourages students to get a variety of reading experiences. You could even use it as a BINGO card. Celebrate when they get 5 in a row or fill the whole board!

Keep Track: Use the [AR Reading Log](#) to keep track of all the reading your child does over the summer. If your child's school allows quizzing from home, have them record their score and celebrate successful quizzes!

Watch this
brief video for
some Practical
Tips for Reading
to Students of
All Ages

