

# Beyond the Books

## Tips to Get Your Child to Read More

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### 1 Let your child lead.

Allow your child to choose books based on their interests. Whether they like picture books or graphic novels, fiction or biographies, poetry or sci-fi, children are more motivated to read when they are interested in the topic.

### 2 Make reading a family activity.

Choose a time of day when all members of the family drop everything and read. Children often follow the models shown by adults and will value reading when they see their grown-ups doing it for pleasure.

### 3 Keep reading aloud.

Read books together, even when your child is old enough to read on their own. When grown-ups read, the mental space needed to decode is freed up and the child can focus solely on understanding the story and actively participating in conversations beyond the text.



### 4 Introduce a fun series.

No one likes a cliff hanger, so captivating series are a great way to keep children engaged and wanting to read the next story.

### 5 Go beyond storybooks.

Reading doesn't always have to be a traditional book. Read through a recipe book to find a new meal or dessert idea. Find a children's magazine to spark interest in a new topic. Try listening to audiobooks for a fun switch in your normal reading routine.

