

READING TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

Read together EVERY DAY.

Aim for at least 20 minutes.

Daily reading: everyone can enjoy it!

Change the language.

Don't say 'Go read.'

Say, 'Let's read!' or 'You get to read now!'

Build vocabulary.

Talking builds vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world. Just jabber away!

Model reading

Kids want to copy YOU. Make sure your kids get to see you reading and hear you talk about it.

Point out words.

Read and talk about the words you see all around you as you move through the day.

Visit Jefferson County Public Library.

We are your reading and resource partner!

Create a reading-rich home.

Select a special, comfortable, cozy place to read; add a stuffie, pillows, other comfort items — and books!

Don't be a book desert!

Homes with at least 100 books boost a child's educational level by years. Bring home the books!

Keep books close.

Stash books in your bag to read aloud when you're out and about or have to wait for appointments; keep eBooks and e-audiobooks on your phone.

Start reading traditions.

Beyond bedtime stories, consider a special birthday book, holiday favorites, or a regular family read-aloud night. #WarmMemories

Let kids choose the books.

Give them power! Wherever their heart leads them is just right.

Be an active reader.

Use expressive voices for characters, make sound effects, be silly, and point out details in the text and illustrations.

Audiobooks ARE books!

Audiobooks can be a game changer for striving readers, English-language learners or just kids on the go. Listen to a few and see!

Discuss what you read.

Talk together about what you are reading and looking at.

Ask questions when you read.

Ask your child to guess what comes next. Bring on the predictions!

Encourage re-reading.

Repetition helps kids learn. It also helps kids make meaningful connections between themselves, their world and books.

Make media matter.

Connect kids with appropriate technology to help them learn. We have solid recommendations!

Let reading be an experience.

Link life experiences with books, like a trip to the zoo and books about animals.

HAVE FUN!

Blur the line between love of reading and love for you. Savor your child's special joy for learning new things. Even something as simple as a story time outside can make reading together livelier and more memorable for you and your child.

