



# Literacy at Home

A home filled with reading material is a good way to help kids become enthusiastic readers. What kind of books should you have? Ask your kids about their interests. If they're too young to have a preference, your local librarian can offer suggestions about age-appropriate books.

Collect board books or books with mirrors and different textures for babies.

Preschoolers enjoy alphabet books, rhyming books, and picture books. Elementary-age kids will enjoy variety: fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, plus dictionaries and other reference books.

Kids can understand stories they might not be able to read on their own. If a more challenging book interests your child, make it something to read together. Younger kids can look at illustrations in books and ask questions as they follow along.

And don't limit reading material to books. Kids might also enjoy:

magazines (for kids), audio books, postcards, e-mails and text messages from relatives, photo albums or scrapbooks, newspaper, comic books, the Internet, beginning reading and alphabet games on a computer, magnetized alphabet letters, e-readers or e-books



From KidsHealth



## Creating a Book Nook

Make a cozy place where your children can curl up with no screen in sight. A kid sized spot, where books are always handy and the lighting is always good. Book nooks are easy to create with things you have on hand. Soon your child will be running to his little spot with books in hand, ready to go on a literary adventure. Create a book reading space that includes the following few things:

- 1 Has to be cozy. Blankets, rugs, big comfy chairs, pillows, and cushions are essential, any amount that you or your children are comfortable with.
- 2 A place that books can be held *neatly*. A little shelf, a large basket, or even a plastic crate can be great choices for easy access and easy clean up.
- 3 Good lighting. Next to a window, sitting under a standing lamp, or even a little battery operated book light tucked into a little basket in a book shelf will invite kids in to read.
- 4 A space to put your cozy drink. It is always a plus if you have somewhere to put down a cup of tea or a water bottle. A little table or shelf will work perfect and it can also hold more books!
- 5 A snuggly friend. If you really want to warm up a reading space, make it inviting to the furry friends in the house too. If you don't have a pet to snuggle with, a stuffed animal (or basket of critters) is an adequate substitute and bonus!



Derived from Inner Child Learning

## Organizing Books for Young Children

One of the best way to make books accessible for a young child is to arrange your books so they are facing forward. This way, the child can see the front of the books instead of all the spines.



PRC CRP

[www.countyofrenfrewelcc.com](http://www.countyofrenfrewelcc.com)