



Volunteer Reading Tips

Reading Aloud with Children

- Tell the children the name of the book, author, and illustrator.
- Discuss the illustration on the cover of the book. Have the child predict what the book is about based on the title and the book cover.
- As you read, keep your listener involved by *occasionally* asking, “What do you think is going to happen next?” Keep in mind that stopping to ask this question too many times will interrupt the flow of the story.
- Read in a voice that helps a child to listen - not too quickly. Children need enough time to look at the pictures and think about what they are hearing.
- Read with lots of expression. Change your voice when reading the character’s words.
- When you have finished, give the child time to react to the book. Ask questions that encourage more than a yes/no reply. Some examples would be:
 - Tell me what you liked about this book.
 - What did you think about the main characters?
 - What was your favorite part of the story?
 - Did this story remind you of other books you have read?

If a child is hesitant, offer your reactions and invite the child to do the same.

Have fun! Make this an enjoyable time for you and the child!

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