

# Raising Lifelong Readers

Today parents are aware of the importance of reading for their children. Children who like and enjoy reading develop thinking skills. They wonder and want to read and learn more. As they read more often, they become better readers.

Here are a few tips for parents on how to lead children to books and reading.

1. Visiting the library regularly with your children is fun. Have them learn to use the library as a lifelong skill. Get library cards for them.
2. Go to bookstores to browse and even buy books. Have your children join you in browsing for books and making selections.
3. Choose books at their reading level. Be aware of their reading interests.
4. Read to your children every day for 15-20 minutes. The research shows that reading every day increases a child's reading ability. Children love bedtime stories. Sharing a book with your child every night before going to sleep is a great way to develop an interest in reading.
5. Talk about the book you read with your children. Encourage them to make comments, and ask questions while you are reading.

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Charlotte County already has many local reading groups at churches, libraries, retirement homes, and neighborhood groups.

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