



A Few Tips to Help Readers

READ EVERY DAY

- Find a time to read with your student every day. Even a brief daily commitment (5-10 minutes) can convey that reading is an important priority for you.
- Take turns reading to your student and listening to your student read. If your student needs extra support, you may want to read some of the pages together slowly.

MAKE A SPACE FOR READING

- Create a comfortable, consistent place in your home where you can read together, enjoy books, and chat about them. You might even make it a place where food and drink are welcome — these signal that reading can be a social activity.

MAKE READING FUN

- If your student does not want to read “serious” or “classic” books, there are other choices. Silly books, comics, animé, or other art-driven books are a good way to get many students interested in reading. If possible, act out or sing the words of stories, or find other ways to enjoy books.

VISIT THE KELSO PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Plan trips to the library. Getting your student a library card can get them excited about books. Do not worry about reading every book — library trips should be fun. At first, these visits may simply consist of spending time wandering the rows of books and meeting librarians.
- All students attending a school in Kelso may get a library card, regardless of address. Even if families live outside the city limits or in another city, KSD students may sign up for a free card.

- The Kelso Public Library is providing many fun and interesting activities and programs this summer free of charge. Stop by the library for a calendar of events or check out their summer events at: kelso.gov/library/summer-2023.

LIBRARIANS ARE RESOURCES

- Ask librarians which books are appropriate for your student and which books others are excited about.

SEEK OUT ADAPTATIONS

- Read books that are being adapted into movies, and compare one type of media to the other.

ENCOURAGE WRITING

- Encourage your student to write thank-you notes, letters, journal entries, and stories about their daily life and experiences. If your student is uncomfortable writing, suggest they create a comic strip.

BUILD LITERACY WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Enjoy puzzles, mazes, crosswords and other games, which enable your student to build literacy skills while having fun.

CLOSED CAPTIONING ON TV

- Enable the closed captioning feature on your TV, so your family can see the written words as they are spoken during programs.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

- Show your student that you love books, reading, and writing — and that you partake in these activities every day.

