

# Reading for Success

## Make library visits a family habit

The best way to guide your child on the road to success is to make sure your child has a word-rich environment. And you can find all the words you'll ever need just around the corner at your local library! The library is a great place to explore and will offer your child a whole world of fun, imagination and knowledge. Make it a family habit.

### Get started

If you haven't visited your library lately, plan to:

- **Schedule regular** library visits. Write them on your family calendar.
- **Get a library card** for your child (and for every member of the family). This will be your child's passport to lifelong learning and discovery. Do something special to celebrate the event—take a picture or fix a favorite dinner.



- **Get a list of award-winning** children's books. The Caldecott and Newbery Medal winners are a great place to start.
- **Check best-seller lists** to see what other families are enjoying.
- **Ask your child's teacher** for a suggested reading list.
- **Explore new places.** Have your child research a faraway country.
- **Find how-to books** on topics of interest.
- **Look for magazines, CDs, movies and audio books.**
- **Find help with homework.** The librarian can help your child look for special resources.
- **Attend story hours, book clubs, movies and other activities about readings.**

### Follow the rules

Everyone may use the library, but everyone must be respectful. Remember to:

- **Keep voices down** so others won't be disturbed.
- **Treat library books carefully.** They are everyone's property.
- **Know the library's policy** for overdue books.

### Make the most of your visits

To take advantage of all your library has to offer:

- **Ask the librarian to suggest titles** your child might enjoy.
- **Let your child's interests** be your guide.
- **Remember your own childhood favorites.** Chances are they're still on the library shelf.

### Challenge your child



Send your child on a "scavenger hunt"—to identify where to find information such as:

- **The capital** of each state.
- **The habitat** of the largest mammal.
- **A recipe** for chocolate chip cookies.
- **The lyrics** to a favorite song.
- **The language** spoken in Sri Lanka.

Once your child has learned to navigate the library to locate these resources, your library pro will be on the road to school success.

