

Some Useful Websites

-  **2x2 Annual Booklist**
recommended books for age 2 to grade 2
www.txla.org/groups/2x2

-  **Texas Bluebonnet Award Reading List**
awarded annually by Texas students in grades 3-6 for their favorite titles
www.txla.org/TBA




-  **Lone Star Annual Booklist**
recommended books for grades 6, 7 or 8
www.txla.org/groups/lone-star

-  **Caldecott Medal Book List**
awarded annually for the year's most distinguished American picture books for children
www.ala.org/alsc/caldecott.html

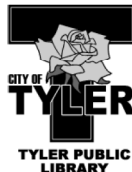
-  **Coretta Scott King Award Book List**
awarded annually to African American authors and illustrators for outstanding contributions to literature for children and young adults
www.ala.org/ala/CSKbookawards/recipients.cfm

-  **Newbery Medal Book List**
awarded for the year's most distinguished American children's books
www.ala.org/alsc/newbery.html

More reading lists and helpful tips

-  Texas Library Association
www.txla.org
-  American Library Association
www.ala.org
-  Children's Book Council
www.cbcbooks.org

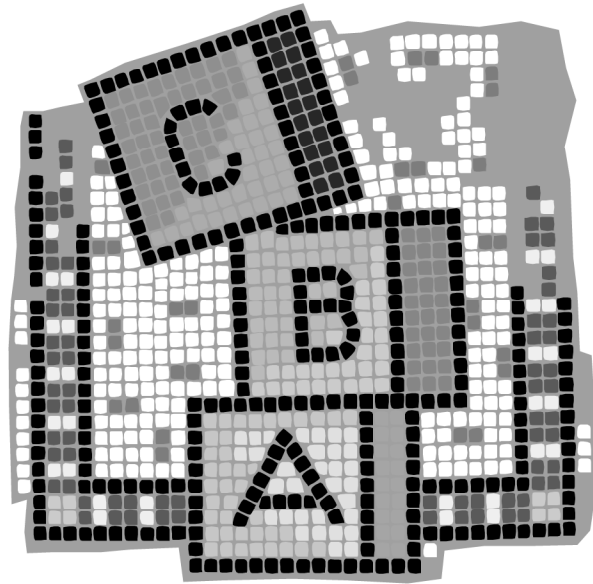
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Reading with Children



- 📖 Introduce simple pictures and storybooks to the youngest children. Shapes, colors and sounds will delight babies!
- 📖 Read a variety of materials to children. Although a child may not understand all of the words you are reading, simply watching you and listening to the sound of your voice reading is important.
- 📖 Use Mother Goose rhymes and songs to stimulate a young child's language skills. Fingerplays (rhymes combined with touch and movements) are also fun activities.
- 📖 Reading time doesn't have to be endless. If you become bored or if the child is restless, five minutes is better than nothing. However, some days you will be so interested that you may read for 15 to 30 minutes or longer.
- 📖 Let children have fun with the books. "Play" the books as much as possible and read with energy. Encourage children to point out pictures, ask questions, or repeat words. Take time to talk about the illustrations.
- 📖 Turn off your phone, television, radio or stereo — make some "private time" for books and the child.
- 📖 Visit the library often. Help the child obtain his or her own library card.



- 📖 Vary the length and subject matter of your stories.
- 📖 If you are the regular caregiver for the child, try to set aside at least one traditional time each day for a story, such as just before naptime or bedtime.
- 📖 Let children select books during library visits. Children gain a sense of independence when they get to take part in this process. More importantly, they build up their decision-making skills by picking and choosing what books they want to borrow.
- 📖 Read as often as you and the child have the time. Model life-long reading by allowing children to see you read books, newspapers and magazines.
- 📖 Read more about the people, places, and things seen on television or at the movies. Many wonderful informational books are available for children of all ages.
- 📖 Don't stop reading aloud when children begin to read themselves! Introduce children to great titles and classic literature by sharing books that are above a child's reading level.
- 📖 Have older children read aloud to you while you prepare dinner or do household chores.
- 📖 Read some of the same books children are reading so you can discuss them and stay current. This is especially important with preteens and young adults.