

Foster an early love of reading in your child



Long before your child learns to read independently, it is important for her to learn that books are fun. This is a critical step toward becoming a reader. When your child has positive associations with reading, she'll be more inclined to pick up a book—now and once she's reading on her own!

To make sure your child finds books enjoyable:

- **Spend time reading with your child every day.** Create a routine around a particular time of day, such as bedtime.
- **Choose books your child likes,** even if it means reading the same book or reading about the same topic over and over again.
- **Relate books to your real life.** When you are reading a story with your child, connect it to something that



she knows about. You might say, “In your favorite book, the girl plays in the park. We’re going to do that right now!”

- **Explore different kinds of books,** including wordless picture books, audiobooks and nonfiction.
- **Visit the library regularly as a family.** Attend events, explore new sections and don’t forget to check out new books!