



# The Literacy Corner

Primary Students

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To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's reading, writing, and language skills.



## We're a Family of Readers



When families share a love of reading, children develop stronger literacy skills and are more motivated to pick up a book. Here are some suggestions for making reading a family affair.

### **After-dinner Novel**

Your family picks a novel all ages can enjoy—perhaps think of one you or your spouse enjoyed as a child—and take turns reading a chapter a night. Soon, your children will look forward to that time together, especially if you stopped at a cliff-hanger the day before! After each chapter, share your opinions of the book and say what you think will happen tomorrow.

### **Reading Adventures**

Every time you visit the library, look for books related to someplace you're going soon. Before a visit to the aquarium, check out nonfiction books about sharks and dolphins. Before a trip to a family member's apartment in the city, read about skyscrapers, subways, and taxis.

### **Treasure Hunts**

When children are first learning to read, invite them to search for free reading 'treasure'! Ask them to collect maps from parks and malls, brochures from the vet's office, and even fortunes from cookies. Soon, your whole family can add to the 'treasure chest.' You'll soon discover that you'll learn a lot, like how dogs communicate and what fun things there are to do at your favorite park.



There are many online resources available to help your child access books on a computer, tablet, or phone. Explore the links below to determine which resources would be most appropriate for your child:

PK-3: Storyline Online, The SAG-AFTRA Foundation records well-known actors reading children's books and makes graphically dynamic videos so that children anywhere can be read to with just the click of a button.

FREE <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

PK-3: International Children's Library, Discover books from around the world available in many different languages.

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