



# BOOK TIPS for dads



## 1) Let Kids Choose!

Ask the librarian if you need help finding books - having lots of easy readers to choose from gives your child some ownership over his or her reading. Don't forget the non-fiction section, true stories can be fun too!



## 2) Keep books handy and accessible

...in the car, on an easy-to-reach shelf in their bedrooms, in the bathroom even! Make sure there are all types of books around all the time, not just at bedtime and not just easy readers.

## 3) Let children read aloud to you if they want to

Sometimes the last thing we want as parents is to listen to Ben and Ken Go to Town for the 34th time. But that's what parents do! Children learn through the repetition, and like the power of knowing what's coming next in a story they are familiar with.



## 4) Take an interest in what your child is reading

Chat about the books they like, the books they can read, and the books they want to read some day. Tell your child about the books you're reading now and the ones you loved when you were his or her age.

## 5) Play games with easy readers

This is especially important if your child isn't a confident reader yet. Try opening a book to any page and reading aloud one sentence, swapping a key word for another you make up. "Jack and Jill climbed up the hill to fetch a pail of... BANANAS!" Let your child correct you, and make it fun.

