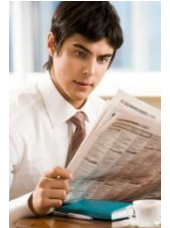


Ways for parents to encourage more reading.

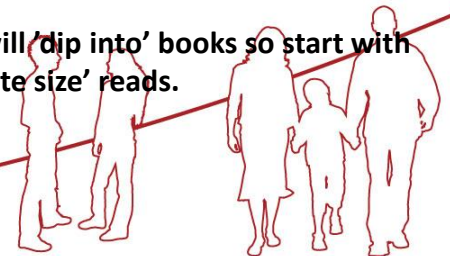


We are frequently asked how parents can encourage their sons and daughters to read.

- ‘Waving and raving’ works! “Personal interaction, book waving and raving, is more important than any number of reviews or computer listings.”

From Young People’s Reading at the End of the Century(Roehampton Institute 2007).

- People who read generally enjoy talking about their reading to other people. This applies very much to young people, as they develop the ‘reading habit’. They like to swap ideas for good reads and talk about the content of books .
- It really helps if they know that other people at home are interested in their reading.
- You can let them know that you want to hear about what they’re finding out – without pushing it too far- and mention some of your own ‘best reads’.
- **Many young people are ‘grazers rather than diners’ in their reading, and many will ‘dip into’ books so start with short stories;graphic novels(such as manga); poetry; urban legends and other ‘bite size’ reads.**



Here are some ideas to help you.

- Talk about their favourite read(s)
- What did they like about it?
- Make connections between reading and other enjoyable activities in their lives with non-fiction ; fiction and magazines e.g., sport and gaming
- See if there is a book they can really 'escape' into
- Talk about how 'portable' reading is (especially in the world of downloadable and e books)and how useful it is to be able to read when they say they're 'bored'
- Remind them that **all** reading is good reading
- Encourage them when they're really enjoying a collection or set of books
- Pass on the excitement about your own reading – any reading which you enjoy !
- See which of you is first to read a new book that comes out
- Encourage them to read to younger children

You can get advice about suitable reading materials from our College Librarians; your local Public Library; your child's English Teacher and websites such as www.lovereadng4schools.co.uk

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