

Easy Ways to Keep Your Kids Reading

Even when you can't get to the library, there are lots of ways to make books a part of your child's daily life. Here are a few ways to keep your kids reading at home, including a list of websites where your child can read or download books for free:

5 ways to make reading a part of your child's daily life at home:

1. Listen to an audiobook together during down time at home and then talk about it together.
2. Set aside some reading times when everyone pulls out a book (or magazine or newspaper) and reads together.
3. When your child has TV time, turn on the closed captioning so that they can see/read the words, too.
4. Pick a book and take turns reading it aloud to each other (switching every page or couple of pages).
5. Have your child read books aloud to a pet or stuffed animal.

Great places to read or download books for free!

[DC Public Library](#)—Use your DC public Library card number to download e-books, audiobooks, and read-to-me picture books from [Overdrive](#). If you don't have a library card, fill out [this library card form](#) to get a card online right away. Your library card will give you access to [Overdrive](#), as well as a few other databases of online books: [BookFlix](#), [TrueFlix](#), and [Tumblebooks](#). Overdrive and Tumblebooks also have apps available for use on phones and tablets.

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