

Reading With Your Child

You can build your child's reading habit with children's magazines

Studies show that kids who read regularly are better readers. So how can you encourage your child to read? Try looking at children's magazines.

Even reluctant readers who avoid reading books may pick up a magazine. The pictures are great. The stories are short. There's a magazine for any interest.

The options range from American Girl to Your Big Back Yard. To get your child started, have him check out the list put together by the public library in Monroe County, Indiana (www.monroe.lib.in.us/childrens/booklists/kidsmags.html).

Public libraries are wonderful places to look for magazines that will interest your child. Most have a great selection of kids' magazines. Let your child browse through the magazines. See which ones catch his interest. He may be able to check out back issues of some titles.

Later, you might give your child a gift subscription. Or tell an older relative or grandparent who is looking for a gift idea.

Remember, reading age-appropriate magazines can help your child build a lifetime habit of reading.

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