

6 Tips for Successful Family Reading

Imagine your own story during the Orange County Library System's annual Summer Reading Program. This year we're bringing you all our programs, classes and events completely online. Visit our [Summer Reading Program website](#) to learn more and use #SummerReading and #oclsreads on social media to show us your family reading together.

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Create Routines

Create reading rituals with your family such as a special time or place free of distractions for everyone to read together for at least 20 minutes daily.



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Take Turns

Make reading a shared experience where each family member takes a turn reading the story. If you have a child who isn't reading yet, encourage participation by letting them turn the pages.



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Have Discussions

Talk about what you're reading using open ended questions that start with wh- (who, what, where, when, why) to encourage conversation and strengthen understanding of the story.



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Learn More

Don't be afraid to expand your horizons. Using databases such as [Kids Infobits](#) can help you to take a deeper dive into reading by exploring topics like animals, music, art and more.



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Distance Reading

You don't have to be in the same place to read together. Try using virtual platforms to connect with family members who cannot physically be with you right now.



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Make Reading Fun!

Transform your living room into the great indoors! Use sheets, blankets and pillows to create your very own reading fort.

