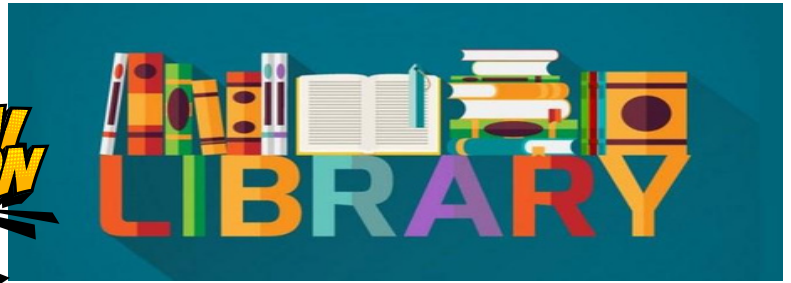




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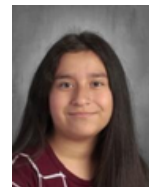
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How to Grow a Reader

Research shows again and again that readers do better across all subjects in school and are more likely to succeed in college. But, how do you become a reader or grow your kids into readers? I talked to some of the most avid readers here at CMS and learned quite a few interesting tips. I hope this will help you in your quest to grow readers!



Aimee Castillo has read 1,000 pages since mid-February



Julie Salanoa spent over 50 hours reading last summer.

Meet some avid readers



Jeremiah Urbina read 8,000 pages for last year's spring challenge.



Aryana Zuanos reads about 40 books a month



Reece Arrighi wants to read 7,000 pages this spring



Austin Ninneman is ahead of the librarian in the current spring challenge.



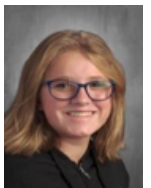
Dana Hernandez loves reading books on relationships



Lizzy Barker read 30 books in the summer of 2022.



Lydia Roll, library aide is her favorite class of the day.



Kyda Kreizenbeck is rereading a 7,000-page series

Make reading a priority

"My parents have always explained that reading will make me smarter and they much prefer me reading over playing video games." - Aimee

"My parents remind me to read all the time to help me succeed!" - Aryana

"Growing up, we always had a nightly story time. Initially the parents were reading to us and then we started reading to them. And finally we transitioned to silently reading for 30 min a night." - Lizzy

"My parents require 20 min of reading after school before I have permission to do anything else. I also love getting to read during classes!" - Austin

"My parents are very persistent in encouraging my reading. I started to read lots in 7th grade when my Mom required me to read for at least 90 min a day. I was open to reading before that, though, since my parents read to me lots when I was younger." - Jeremiah

"My Mom tells me to read whenever I can." - Kyda

Provide distraction-free time and space

"My phone distracts me from reading. But getting lost in a story is higher-quality relaxation time for me!" - Lizzy

"I need a silent space for reading." - Aimee

"My parents require the time before bed to be tech-free, so I've gotten into the habit of enjoying a great book at that time!" - Julie

"My main distractors are the TV and my phone. At my house, we are required to put our phones away for the day when it's dinner time." - Kyda

Give students access to great books

"My parents are always willing to take me to the bookstore: Barnes & Noble or Browsers Corner here in Carson." - Jeremiah

"Books don't have to be expensive. The school and public libraries have lots of great titles and the card is free!" - Julie

"My parents help me find books that I'm interested in and are usually willing to get me the next book in the series that I'm reading!" - Kyda

"There are lots of books around my house!" - Dana

"My parents took me to the library a lot when I was younger, Mostly when I ask for a new book, my parents are willing to buy it for me." - Aimee

"Being a library aide and being around books has encouraged me to read more." - Reece

"My parents got me a library card when I was really young." - Lizzy

"When I mention interest in a book, my parents are usually willing to buy it for me. Book fairs have also been a big motivator to discover new books." - Dana

Model reading habits

"Both of my parents read for relaxation." - Lizzy

"I see my Mom reading for pleasure all the time!" - Kyda

"My mom has a huge obsession with books: She constantly gets lost at B&N or in a library!" - Lydia

"I see my Mom reading for work quite a bit." - Aimee

Freedom to choose books

"Forced book checkouts didn't encourage me but I loved story time in the elementary library. Once you find the genre that you enjoy, it's much easier to find new books." – Lizzy

"I enjoy reading books of my choice."
- Lydia

"It's important for parents to help kids navigate libraries and help them find great books." – Lizzy

Advice for finding great books

"Librarians are great to introduce you to new books." – Lizzy

"I suggest finding a genre that you like and sticking with it, that way it's easy to find your next great book." - Julie

"I suggest students read the manga series of their favorite anime video series/movies. The Japanese reading style is refreshing and different. Read things that you enjoy!" – Lydia

"My parents give me really good book recommendations!" - Aryana

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"Finding your genre is great for finding new books, it gives you a more manageable selection size." – Lizzy

Create literary family traditions

"I got a book for Christmas and when I picked it up to read it, I just couldn't stop. I've been reading lots ever since!" – Julie

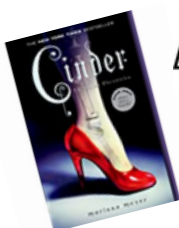
"I usually get book gifts for my birthday and Christmas." - Kyda

"My mom would read a book or make up a story for me before going to sleep." - Dana

"At my house, we read certain stories together for celebrating holidays." – Lizzy

"If I'm excited about a book, my Mom will read it and we'll discuss it together." - Kyda

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