Tips for Motivating Children To Read

Take a field trip to the library

Encourage children to read aloud

Encourage reading of a series; when kids fall in love with a series, their next book is easy to find

Keep books in the car

Choose books with a subject matter that connects with your kid’s activities and interests

Encourage children to read books where they are comfortable; on the porch, by the lake or up in a tree-house

Give books as gifts

Don’t give your children a lights-out time at night in the summer. Let them read as long as they want to.

Let teens choose their own books and magazines

Relax a little, try not to over-commit your children to too many activities. Let them know that lying on the bed reading a book is not a waste of time

Show your children you value reading. Parents should spend time reading the daily paper or a paper-back.

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