

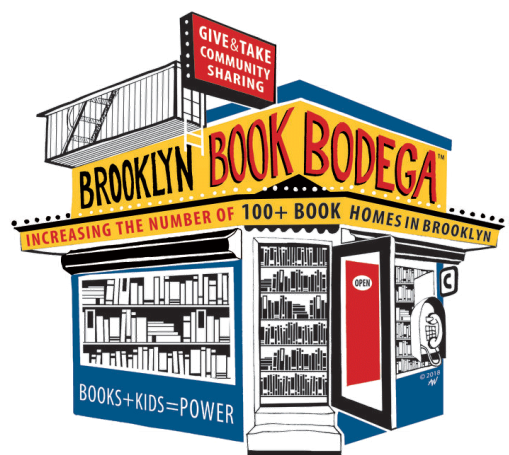
Read! Read! Read!

Tips for Reading with Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

- Read aloud everyday. Even if your child cannot read yet, they begin to understand how books and language work. These pre-reading skills are important and help support parent/child bonding.
- Make reading interactive and fun. Use different voices and add sound effects.
- Read board books. These books are great for little ones to touch and feel without ripping.
- Have older kids read to their younger siblings. This allows older kids to practice reading aloud in a safe space and gives the younger child exposure to books.

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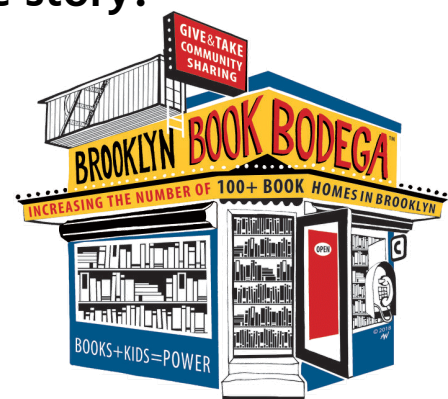
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Tips for Reading with Elementary School Age Children

- Build reading stamina. Decide how long you want to read together or independently each day. Then add 1 minute each day until you reach your goal.
- Balance reading together with having your child read to you. Swap pages. Even though they are getting older, make time to read together.
- Reread the same books over and over again. This will build familiarity with vocabulary and allow your child to understand more or different parts of the story.
- Model reading like an actor by using different voices for the characters.
- Stop before, during, and after reading to ask questions. Some examples are:
 - Why do you think the character made that choice?
 - What would you have done if you were in the story?
 - What advice would you give the character?

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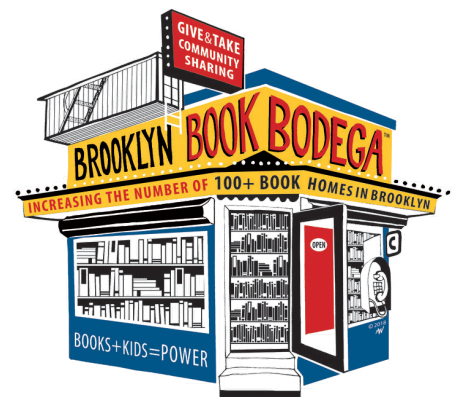
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Tips for Reading with Tweens

- Graphic novels and comic books are real books. They have strong vocabulary, complex plots, and are funny.
- Start a book club for your child with several friends. Host a book club party via Zoom or in person when they are done with the book. Set up ground rules for the club: Will the adults read the book, too? Are there questions everyone should think about before gathering?
- Everyone loves choice about what they read. As libraries reopen, look for familiar authors or series as a jumping off point.
- Look for writing contests or assign Brooklyn Book Bodega's Reader's Corner as a book report for your child. Your child works on key skills and as a bonus, becomes a published author!

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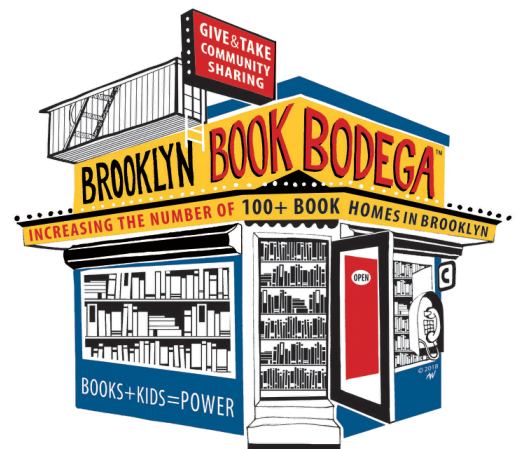
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Tips for Getting Teens to Read

- Graphic novels and comic books are real books. They have strong vocabulary, complex plots, and are funny.
- The more kids know, the more they are ready to know. Knowledge sticks to knowledge. Have your teen select a subject that they want to know more about; maybe it is a hobby or a career that they are interested in. Then, have them select 3-5 articles, books, or colleges that focus on that topic. When they are done, have them record a brief commercial explaining what they have learned.
- Have your teen choose a poem or song to memorize. Repeated readings build deep understanding. If your child chooses something that they want to memorize, they can have fun while building important skills.

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