

## Sharing a Love of Reading

There are many ways to encourage your child to broaden their reading and for you to share your love of reading with each other. Try any of the following suggestions.

- Subscribe to a magazine of your child's choice.
- Buy books and magazines as gifts.
- Have available a selection of texts such as novels by favourite authors, comics, magazines, informational texts and reference materials.
- Have a special place for each person in the family to keep their books.
- Set aside a time for reading, thus modelling good reading habits for your child.
- Encourage all family members and visitors to participate in reading or being read to.
- Share your personal reading choices. Tell your child why you have chosen that particular text, article or magazine.
- Demonstrate an interest in what your child is reading. Ask why they have chosen that particular text.
- Ask your child to recommend books for you to read.
- Encourage your child to select their own books and magazines.
- Encourage the exchange of books with friends and other family members.
- Talk about anything you have been reading whenever the time is appropriate.
- Read the same novel as your child and discuss it together. This helps build thoughtful, insightful readers.
- Display your own collection of books. Discuss why you liked or disliked any of the books. Encourage your child to do the same.
- Encourage your child to visit the library often to check out a variety of texts to sustain their interest.
- Provide access to a computer, either at home or the local library, so your child can make use of the Internet.
- Take the family on trips that may create interest in particular topics, e.g. *visit museums and art galleries.*