

Using the Library

Visiting the library is a great way to encourage your child's reading and learning as well as providing an opportunity for you to show that you value books and reading.

- Make library visits a regular activity for the whole family.
- Encourage your child to keep library books in a safe place while on loan.
- Get a library card for yourself, your child and other members of the family.
- Encourage your child to use the library to locate texts using the cataloguing system or computer.
- Help your child determine if the library has the resources needed or whether other information sources should be found.
- Check out the special services, e.g. *homework hotlines*, *study groups*, your library offers for helping with school assignments.
- Log on to your library's home page. Many of today's libraries have their own sites on the World Wide Web. Here you can find listings of everything in the library's collection, including whether an item is checked in or out.

