

BUILDING A LOVE OF READING



SUPPORTING
FAMILIES &
GROWING
READERS



Learning to read is hard work, but reading doesn't have to feel like a chore. Finding joy in reading deepens our understanding, helps us practice reading skills, and exercises our imagination. Read on to see how you can help foster the love of reading with your child.

1 READ ABOUT TOPICS WHICH INTEREST YOUR CHILD

Do you have a dinosaur-lover at home? Minecraft? Art? Build a love of reading for your child by reading books on the topics they are passionate about. Exposing them to new vocabulary will support their understanding as they grow as readers.

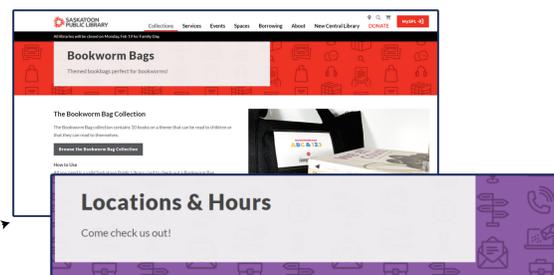
Borrowing Books of Big Interest

Every school has a library with specially chosen literature for children. Most classes visit the school library every 1-2 weeks.

Our public libraries are also a wonderful source for books and media on all topics (in many languages), and even offer themed collections, called "Bookworm Bags".

Signing up for a library card is free and your child can have their very own!

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2 SUPPORT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF IMPORTANT WORDS

Books on particular topics are likely to contain words that are challenging to read but are important to the topic (ex. evaporate). The word might be challenging when children haven't learned a sound-spelling pattern in the word, or if the word has irregular spelling.

A process you can use to discuss challenging, important words:

- ♥ Skim the book to find three challenging, important words that appear in the text
- ♥ Point to the word in the book and read it to your child
- ♥ Have your child look at the word and repeat it
- ♥ Explain what the word means and why it is important for this book
- ♥ As you read the book, stop at the challenging, important word
- ♥ Point to the word again and ask your child to read it and explain what it means

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ENJOY FAMILY LITERACY IN OUR COMMUNITY



The Saskatoon Public Library offers fun and engaging literacy opportunities for community members.

Along with browsing books on display, families can enjoy programs like:

- Storytime
- Puppet shows
- Discovery club
- Celebrations of First Nations and Metis culture
- Supports for English language learning.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Saskatoon Public Schools' monthly family literacy resources have been distributed since September 2023. **Click or scan the QR code** to view all past resources, including a bookmark with additional prompts for reading with your child.



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THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF READING



Sally Shaywitz (as cited in Kirkland, 2016, para.4)

