

7 WAYS TO Create Space for a Home Library

Help your child learn to love reading and to respect books. Create space for a home library to show him or her that reading at home is an enjoyable part of life. Here's how.



- 1.** Choose a well-lit spot where you can store books. If your child reads on a computer or eReader, keep it in this area, too. Make the area more inviting by adding a large pillow or beanbag. It'll help make your child comfortable while reading.
- 2.** Repair and preserve damaged or ripped books.
- 3.** Rotate the books on the shelves to keep choices fresh and inviting.
- 4.** Appeal to his taste. Choose books, magazines, and websites that fascinate him.
- 5.** Does your child enjoy books and websites about facts and trivia? Then make sure your reading material is up-to-date. New events and discoveries happen every day. So you'll want to make sure the books on your shelves—and the links bookmarked on your computer— are as current as possible.
- 6.** Set up a book-lending system with other parents. It will allow kids and teens to share favorite stories and discover new ones.
- 7.** Encourage your child to write or create her own book—such as a scrapbook—about a topic she finds interesting. Then display her book on your library shelves. It will boost her pride. And she'll gain respect for what goes into publishing a book.