

TIPS for Reading Aloud

Can the Library
bring the joy
of reading
and early
literacy skills?



Love It!

Choosing the Material

- Spend time looking for good materials. It takes time to find a good book, but it's fun! You might even come across some of your old favorites.
- Pick a book you love. If you like it, your enjoyment of the story will come through.
- Remember your audience. Find a book they will like too.

Make Friends With It!

Practicing

- Read the story out loud, so you won't trip over words in front of a group.
- All language has rhythm – pick up on it.
- Practice reading loudly and clearly.
- Read slowly. The most common mistake is reading too fast. Reading slowly will give children time to “see” the story in their imaginations.

Share It!

Reading to Others

- Find a comfortable, quiet place.
- Make sure your audience is ready to listen.
- Introduce the book. This can be as simple as saying, “I like this book.” Mention the title, author and illustrator.

Share It Even More!

When reading to groups, do all of the above, PLUS . . .

- Look for large pictures
- Hold the book so that everyone can see the pictures at all times.
- Speak loudly so all can hear.
- Remember, the group is there because they want to hear the story, so relax and enjoy.

