

## Shower Your Home With Opportunities For Reading

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- Place books, magazines and other reading material in places where they are most likely to be seen and read; in the bathroom, car, playroom, by the kitchen table, etc. There are many great containers available that look nice in your home and are great for displaying books (baskets, aluminum wash tubs, old ladders, etc.)
- Subscribe to good magazines that will come in the mail each month. Your children and/or grandchildren will look forward to getting them.
- Help your kids write and illustrate their own books. You can even have them bound and laminated at a local copy shop. Consider giving these homemade stories as gifts to friends and family.
- Place quotes, inspirational sayings and favorite scriptures around your house in places where they are likely to be seen and read; on the bathroom mirror, the fridge, by the clock, etc.
- Hang a white board or chalkboard in a visible place in your home such as by the back door, in the kitchen or in the mud room. Family members can write messages to one another throughout the week.
- Have each person in your family find a favorite quote from a favorite book. Print them up on the computer and hang them on bedroom doors for the family and others who visit to see and read.
- For very small children, help them to become aware of words and reading by keeping a book of letters and words they recognize in their environment. For example, instead of throwing away the Mac & Cheese or Jello boxes, cut out the words and picture and paste them in your book. Kids will recognize and associate letters and words with products that they see every day.
- Write letters to other members of your family and leave them on their pillow or in a place where they will find them at an unexpected time such as under a pile of folded laundry that needs to be put away.