



## Fun and unique ways to support reading

Reading should be natural and fun. Try one of these quick ideas to support reading:

### **Be an example. Read.**

Let children see you as a positive example of reading. Never lecture or force kids to read. Older siblings, family members, and Key Clubbers have the opportunity to inspire reading.

### **Swap Books.**

Encourage your peers and kids to swap books online with sites like [PaperBackBookSwap.com](http://PaperBackBookSwap.com), or [FrugalReader.com](http://FrugalReader.com). Make sure to have approval and guidance of parents/guardians when using online book swaps.

### **Travel a book's travels.**

At [BookCrossing.com](http://BookCrossing.com) you can register your book on the site, and then set the book free to travel the world and find new readers. Leave it on a park bench, at a coffee shop, at a hotel on vacation. Share it with a friend or tuck it onto a bookshelf at the gym - anywhere it might find a new reader! What happens next is up to fate, and we never know where our books might travel next. Track the book's journey around the world as it is passed from person to person.

### **Give books as gifts.**

Consider giving books to your peers and children in your community. Holidays, birthdays and other celebrations are great times to promote reading. Add a little personal touch by signing the book with your name. Your club could create a bookplate with Key Club on it and include a personal message.

### **Donate books to classroom libraries.**

Teachers often spend hundreds of their own dollars to get a decent selection of books in their classrooms. Contact a local primary school and ask how you can help.

### **Celebrate reading holidays.**

Several national associations sponsor spring reading programs celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. Their Web sites provide materials to plan reading events in your community.

<http://www.unicefusa.org/partners/ngos/key-club-international.html>

<http://www.nea.org/readacross/index.html>

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