

PARENT'S GUIDE TO STARTING A CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB

Starting a book club for kids can be simple and rewarding. With a little planning, you can turn reading into a fun, social experience that your child eagerly looks forward to each month.

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GATHER YOUR READERS

- Invite a small group of kids (4–8 works well).
- Include classmates, neighbors, or family friends close in age.
- Make sure parents are on board and supportive.

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SET A SCHEDULE

- Decide how often you'll meet (monthly is easiest).
- Keep meetings short and fun (about 45 minutes to an hour).
- Pick a consistent day/time so it's easy to remember.

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CHOOSE THE BOOKS

- Rotate who chooses the book each month (kids love this responsibility).
- Select age appropriate books that spark curiosity and conversation.
- Ask kids what genres they enjoy such as adventure, fantasy, humor, or mystery.

MAKE MEETINGS FUN

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- Discussion: Start with simple, open-ended questions like "Who was your favorite character?" or "What would you do differently if you were in the story?"
- Activities: Add a related craft, game, or drawing activity. Example: Make a treasure map after reading an adventure book.
- Snacks: Simple themed snacks are always a hit (animal crackers for a book with pets, popcorn for movie-style fun).

ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION

- Let kids take turns leading the discussion or asking questions.
- Celebrate everyone's contributions. There are no wrong answers!
- Keep the atmosphere lighthearted so kids feel comfortable sharing.
- Parents can join their own book clubs to show kids that reading is for everyone.
- Share your excitement when you finish a good book!