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## **Growing a love of reading**

It's important to read to your school-age children

**By Jennifer McOuade** Owasso Library Manager

Many parents understand the importance of reading to their children when they are very small and can't read yet themselves.

Reading to your toddler establishes a love of books and literacy. But did you know it also is important to continue that time together as your children grow?

A new study about kids and reading was recently highlighted in the New York Times. The study found children were more likely to read a book for fun if their parents continued to read to them past the age when they were reading independently.

It also creates a love of reading by connecting reading with spending time together. Even 10 or 15 minutes, one or two chapters a day, can make a difference.

In a world where digital entertainment rules, it's important to encourage a love of reading and books.

I was curious about the viewpoint of a child on this topic, so I asked my daughter how she feels when I read to her. She is in first grade and can read on her own, but we also enjoy reading a chapter or two together most evenings.

She says when mom reads to her "It helps me relax because I'm just listening to the story. I'm focused on what

Shelly Wimberley, Youth Librarian at the Owasso Library, has provided some great suggestions for reading together:

### **Book Suggestions for Family Read** Alouds - Lower Elementary

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look Babymouse #1 Queen of the World by Jennifer Holm

Buddy and the Bunnies in Don't Play With Your Food and Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great by Bob Shea

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The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by

### **Book Suggestions for Family Read** Alouds — Upper Elementary

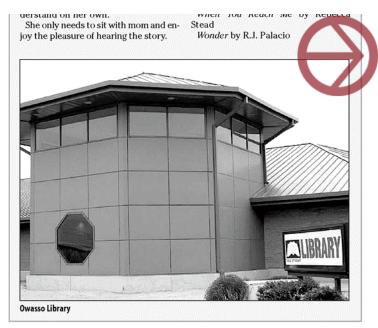
The Bad Beginning (Book 1 in A Series of Unfortunate Events series) by Lemony Snicket

Big Nate in a Class by Himself by Lincoln Peirce

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