Ideas to help your child enjoy reading

- Create your child a comfy reading area away from any distractions. If possible, read alongside.
- Make sure there are always books about (at home, in the car).
- Go out together and search libraries, book shops & charity shops for books.
- Vary what is available. Ask your child to read recipes while baking, instructions while making...
- Link books to family events & memories. Pull out and discuss old photos.
- Encourage your child to read outside the home. When waiting, e.g., at the dentist or the doctor's.
- Show your child your favourite books. Create collections of books you both want to treasure.
- Create comics together. Model them on comics that you both have read and enjoyed.
- Read song lyrics on albums. Teach each other the words of favourite songs.
- Give your child lots of encouragement and praise. Reading should be an enjoyable process.
- Ask your child to tell you the story so far so you can hear how much has been understood.
- Find out which characters your child likes and why. Share your book memories too.
- Create memorable 'silly' voices when you read together at bedtime. Take turns.
- If your child becomes tired then stop and leave the reading for another time.