

Go beyond books to get your child ready to read

Can't get your little one interested in books? Try thinking outside the book! There are many other options for her when it comes to reading. Here are a few ideas to try with your child:

- **Comics.** If your child adores puns or silly drawings, read comics with her. Start with daily strips, then move on to comic books.
- **Magazines.** Child-friendly magazines are ideal, but let your youngster flip through your magazines, too. Help your child make a letter-sound collage. See if your child can find pictures of things that start with a certain letter sound. For example, see if she can find *ddd* words (like *dog*, *donut* or *door*). Cut out the pictures for her and help her glue them on paper.
- **Newspapers.** The newspaper offers exposure to



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ever-changing letters and words. Have your child point out all the T's in an article. Then help her find simple words like *the* or *to*.