

# Ms. Swansbrough's Reading Tips for Parents September 2007



You know the importance of reading, but what can you do to make sure your teen grows into adulthood with the skills he or she needs to be successful? The following suggestions are ways to **engage** your teen in reading.

- Keep reading material **everywhere** in the house, especially where it is the least expected. Place it in the kitchen, by the phone or computer, near the television, and by the door.
- Provide variety in reading through books, magazines, and newspapers. Check to see what disappears as a clue to what **interests** your teen.
- Find opportunities to **talk** about what your teen is currently reading. Also acknowledge that your teen is maturing by suggesting some adult reading you think he or she can handle.
- Let your teen see you reading for pleasure. **Read** some books written for teens. Young adult novels can give you valuable insights into the concerns and pressures felt by teens.

