Tips for Encouraging Readers

1. Let your child see you reading for pleasure—be a reading role model!
2. Give children the opportunity to choose their own books.
3. Embrace new literacies and digital literacies.
4. Practice reading aloud everyday.
5. Visit the library often and get your child a library card.
6. Tie literacy to art—encourage creative writing, singing, drawing and visit a local art museum. Ask children to interpret art and write short sentences about what that piece of art means to them.
7. Tell stories together as a family.
8. Create a print-rich home environment.
9. Point out environmental print to children—show them that words are everywhere like in grocery stores, museums, and stores.
10. Help your child build their own personal library with books that interest them.