

Pointers **For Parents** **Children Excited About** **Reading “Adventure”**

(NAPS)—According to recent studies, voluntary reading influences a child’s achievement in school, including on standardized tests. Reading needs to be an educational priority, but many parents find it difficult to motivate their children to read.



A popular Web site offers a fun way to help get children to read.

One way to get children excited about reading is Book Adventure, www.bookadventure.org, a free online resource which harnesses children’s fascination with technology and computers and uses it to make reading fun. With entertaining and colorful graphics, children in grades K-8 are led by Rex Reader (a Tyrannosaurus Rex with a love for books) and Bailey Bookmark (a dog who reads everything he can get his paws on) through the process of choosing and using books.

Based on the child’s grade level and interests, a personalized book list is generated from over 4,000 titles. The child reads the books offline and returns to take a quiz about what he or she has read, earning points which can be redeemed for fun prizes.

The Web site isn’t just for kids. Parents and teachers can monitor reading comprehension with reports generated by the site on the books the children have read and their quiz scores. The site also offers a variety of learning tips, homework helpers and other educational Web resources.

Book Adventure was created by the Sylvan Learning Foundation to motivate children to read. To join the more than 380,000 registered users and 30,000 classrooms using the site, visit www.bookadventure.org.