

# Maple Avenue Reading News

## Parents/Teachers as Reading Partners

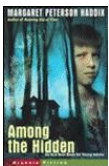
### What Can We Do?

#### Motivate Readers

##### How?

- Allow your teen to choose a book and have ownership of his/her choice.
- Express an interest in his/her choice, find out what he/she knows, and question why he/she made this choice.

#### Books To Motivate



*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix is a gripping adventure about a boy whose very existence is declared illegal under the Government's cruel Population Law. Twelve-year-old Luke Garner has been hiding his entire life. As the third child born to the Garner family, Luke's existence is considered a crime under the law that restricts women from having more than two children in their lifetime.

*The Sledding Hill* by Chris Crutcher is a compelling novel about Eddie Proffit who experiences tragedy in his life through freak accidents involving his best friend and his father. Finding it hard to deal with his grief, he struggles with communicating, with receiving help from his best friend, and with deciding about who is right in the censorship of a book with characters he has found helpful to read about and relate to.

How can we get teens passionately engaged and engrossed in reading?



Imagine  
Visualize  
Dream

### Strategies That Work

Okay. So. Now you have an idea of how to motivate, and some suggestions of what novels you could choose. Where do you go from here? Well.....MODEL WHAT GOOD READERS DO!!

- Describe what you are visualizing and talk

about the pictures in your head that help you to comprehend.

- If a picture isn't there, say that you are stuck and you need to re-read.
- Describe what you see

the characters and setting to be like.

- Identify and point out where you are getting your ideas for these pictures.
- Guide your teen to describe his/her picture.

More Information? Contact Reading Teachers

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