

# Maple Avenue Reading News

## Parents/Teachers as Reading Partners

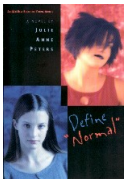
### What Can We Do?

#### Motivate Readers

##### How?

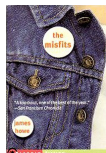
- Model your enjoyment of reading, and encourage a reading and discussion time with your teen as a special time to spend with you.
- Really listen and be accepting of ideas different from your own.

#### Books To Motivate



*Define Normal* by Julie Anne Peters is a about Antonia who is eager to participate in the new peer counseling program at school—until she learns the person she's supposed to counsel is Jasmine.

"Jazz" is anything but Antonia's peer. As their peer counseling sessions progress, Antonia and Jazz discover they have more in common than they could ever have imagined. Can they trust each other? Do they dare?



*The Misfits* by James Howe is a hilarious, poignant novel about relationships. The characters include a 12 year old student, who moonlights as a tie salesman; a tall, outspoken girl; a gay middle schooler; and a kid branded as a hooligan. Best friends for years, they've all been the target of cruel name-calling; and now that they're in the seventh grade, they are not about to take it anymore. What do they have in common?

How can we get teens off and running into reading?



### Strategies That Work

Let's continue that great idea of.....MODELING WHAT GOOD READERS DO!!

- Describe what you are thinking about while reading, and make a connection to another book or a movie.
- Make a connection between the reading and a real life experience or feeling.
- Relate how these connections help you better understand the character, the setting, or the plot.
- If you can't make a connection explain that you are not familiar with the content and you need to read more carefully and slowly.
- Guide your teen in making his/her own connections.

More Information? Contact Reading Teachers

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