

Read!



Reading is a crucial part of children's development and regular reading is needed for a person to be an informed citizen. Most people are aware of the importance of reading, but may not realize that society is reading less and less. And, as a result we are getting dumber! Did you know, that **the average American college graduate only reads 5 books in his/her post-college lifetime!** Look below for more facts about reading:

- ☹ 80% of US families did not buy or read a book last year.
- ☹ 70% of US adults have not been in a bookstore in the last five years.
- ☹ 57% of new books are not read to completion.
- ☹ Children watch 28 hours of TV per week, on average.
- ☹ Children spend more time watching television than anything except sleeping.
- ☹ 2 out of every 5 children in the US are poor readers.
- ☹ 75% of kids who read poorly in 3rd grade remain poor readers in high school.

Don't let this happen to our society! Read, and teach your children to read! Turn off the TV and read! Go to **OnlineBookClub.org** for more information.

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."
~ Henry David Thoreau

"The greatest gift is a passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral illumination."
~ Elizabeth Hardwick

