

Reading with children encouraged by Roth

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Reading with children, starting at a very young age, is encouraged by Nora Roth as she works on her Focus on Children FCCLA project.

In the activity portion of her project, Roth has been visiting daycare homes in the community, delivering together-time tubs. She reads and organizes crafts with the children, and takes books for them as well.

Roth notes reading is something everyone uses in everyday life, and it's an important skill to obtain.

Because it is so important, Roth promotes it should be started at a very young age.

"My theory is to start very young," said the 17-year-old FCCLA member. "Introducing children to reading at a young age will help them grow up loving books and reading, and to enjoy them throughout their lives."

Since the early years of a child's life involve the highest rates of learning, this makes early childhood a great time to introduce them to reading.

Roth reported each day in the United States people spend an estimated four hours watching TV, three hours listening to the radio and 19 minutes reading magazines.

Reading to children at a young age will prepare them for their future schooling, and Roth encourages getting a head start and jumping in early to read to children as early and often as possible.