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- "Hefker" books: <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/travel/2013-03-10/ty-article/premium/tourist-tip-184-the-sidewalk-library-of-books/0000017f-f6a8-d318-afff-f7eb8f230000>
- [unitedforliteracy](https://www.unitedforliteracy.com/).
- [jell library](https://www.jelllibrary.com/).
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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Read-a-Thon - this can be required for a grade, a competition, or students can get sponsored for each page they read, and they raise money for a charity Readers' Theater (dialogues, scripts, put on a play)
- SSR - sustained silent reading in class (teacher too!) Read a book to the students Read a chapter and then interested students can continue Book faire (students write books and read/display them, students bring in books for an exchange, students "advertise" books to other students Book report presentations - helps to advertise Using AI to write books, or to play a character in a book to talk to.
- <https://firefly.adobe.com/> - A fun tool that allows, apart from creating photos, editing photos: mark the part you want, write a prompt and it changes the photo.
- <https://www.suno.ai/>
A crazy songwriter who can create a new song in a few seconds.
- <https://claude.ai/chats>
AI chat
- Have students write and illustrate their own books (typed) and add to the class library - a rich student-created book section will collect over the years; further advantage: 'if they can write it, they can read it'.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE READING?

- Create classroom libraries with dedicated, decorated shelves and/or chests
- Higher readiness-level in-classroom "book clubs" where students may read the same book together in a "khug" in the classroom reader corner for, say, ten minutes out of a double-period
- Match kids to books according to interests and personality - which promotes a feedback-loop of self-motivated, regular reading
- Can tell students inspirational stories about reading and "what it gets people" (how reading directly benefits actual people)
- Have a Reading incentive program in class.
- have a bookshelf in the classroom.
- talk about books and ideas from them.
- be an inspiration for accumulating knowledge through reading.
- fun assignments for book reports.