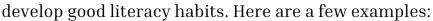
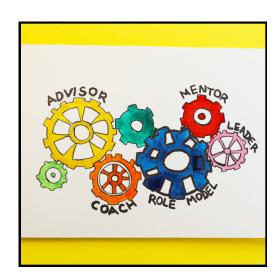
Being a Literacy Role Model

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I recently saw an image with parents and child sitting on a couch, and a slogan that read: "children are made readers on the laps of their parents." At the GLC, we for sure agree that reading in general and reading together as a family is **very** important to develop a love of reading and books

But I also think it's important to recognize that there are other ways to be a literacy role model and it's important to find what works for you. There are many different paths to





Celebrate "I Don't Know" Moments

- "I Don't Know" moments represent an opportunity to learn something new
- Celebrate these moments for yourself and create a habit of learning by going together to find the answer
- Never be ashamed of not knowing the answer

Challenge Yourself

- Challenge yourself regularly to learn something new want to try yoga? Learn a new language? Cook different kinds of food? Run a half marathon?
- Talk about the challenge with your family and how it's going. Share your accomplishments and setbacks in family conversation
- Demonstrate how to break down big goals into smaller steps and talk about how that puts the overall challenge into perspective does it feel like you're making progress this way? Does it feel easier to achieve?
- Share the challenge! Get everyone in on it

Be Aware

- Pay attention to how much time each day is spent reading, writing, budgeting, moving, using computers, tablets, or smartphones, and so on
- These details show just how often you use different forms of literacy in your everyday life
- This will get you to appreciate how important it is to work on and improve your own skills your work on yourself will serve as a role model for those around you