Imagine being able to read 400 pages in one evening. Imagine reading 800 words a minute, considered a slow pace.

Moira Hunter Gordon was a student at Southeast Missouri State University in 1979 and for her bachelor’s degree in education.

“[I] taught myself to speed read,” Gordon said. “I thought it was a critical need for it because I didn’t have the time with four young children to read a lot.”

When Gordon reads, she doesn’t pay attention to individual words but instead can see chunks of meaning she needs and just continues to read. Her mind is building new knowledge automatically, she said.

“[I] do not recognize all the words,” Gordon said. “When you read a lot, your mind is building new knowledge as you go.”

Gordon said she attributes her love of reading and her ability to learn it easily, to her speed reading.

Some of the students who come in for that reason come in for the same reason but come in for the first time that they can remember,” said Josh Brown, who doesn’t recognize all the words, either.

“When I am in that mindset, it’s a very intimate concentration,” Gordon said.

“When you read a lot, your mind is building new knowledge as you go,” Gordon said. “People who try to increase their reading speed are available.

“[I] did much of my speed reading, and I think it’s very difficult because I didn’t have the time with four young children.”

Reading speedily can help the overburdened improve

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