

Superintendent's Reading Tips

'Tis the season for cozy stories and special moments. Our Superintendent, Dr. Melissa H. Williams, shares a few simple tips to help you make the most of reading time with your child this holiday season. These ideas spark curiosity, build skills, and create lasting memories. Here are her favorite tips — practical, easy, and full of holiday cheer.

Offer Choice and Voice

Let teens choose their reading materials and format (novels, articles, comics or graphic novels, blogs).

Connect Reading to Interests

Match texts to hobbies (sports articles, sci-fi, true crime, fan fiction, YouTube transcripts).

Use Technology and Other Formats

Recommend audiobooks, graphic novels, short stories, series, or interactive fiction.

Celebrate Progress, Not Perfection

Praise effort, curiosity, and consistency.

Link Reading to Goals and Future Plans

Show how reading supports passions, college prep, career goals, or storytelling skills.

Encourage Positive Social Reading Experiences

Start a teen book club or pair interesting reads with friends.

Match Challenge to Skill

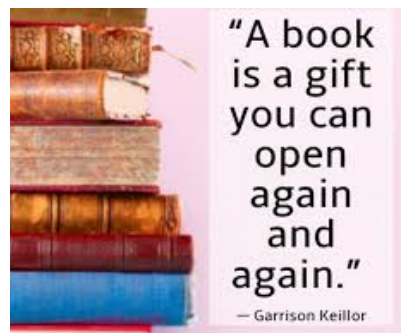
Pick a book. Open the book to any page. Use the 5-finger rule for book difficulty.

0-1 errors: too easy

2-3 errors: just right

4-5 errors: challenging

5+ errors: too hard (save for later)



Happy Holidays