

How To Choose A Good Book



- ◆ Think about what you like to do (your hobbies and interests)
- ◆ Think about the kind of book you like (fiction, nonfiction, picture book, graphic novel, etc.)
- ◆ Browse the shelves and look for the spine stickers that tell what kind of book it is (mystery, historical fiction, horror, fantasy, holiday, award winner, etc.)
- ◆ Read the back cover or the inside flap of the front cover. You will usually find a short summary of the book. Does it interest you?
- ◆ Open the book and look at the pages and pictures. Read a few. Is it comfortable to read? Did the author capture your interest?
- ◆ Ask someone who enjoys reading to recommend a book or author
- ◆ Look at the *Authors No Child Should Miss* list or the *Caldecott* and *Newbery Award* posters on the library walls and doors
- ◆ Browse the shelf where your favorite author's books are. There may be a new title waiting for you!
- ◆ Look at the books on the return cart. Someone else enjoyed those books, maybe you will, too!
- ◆ Scan the books that are on display. Often they are new titles or books that are of special interest.
- ◆ Go to a computer and open the library catalog. Search for some of your favorite topics by keyword or subject.
- ◆ Ask Miss Thomas or your teacher. They are EXPERTS!

