



## **Discover the hidden treasures in your school library**

For students in primary, junior and middle grades

### **A book is a gift that can be opened again and again!**

Here are a few tips on how to select good reading material for your child:

- Ask friends, relatives, neighbours and teachers to share titles of their favourite books.
- Look for lists of award-winning or recommended books for children.
- Check the book review sections of newspapers and magazines for new children's books.
- Choose books on subjects you know your child is interested in.
- Experiment with different kinds of books and offer variety.
- Don't forget books on tape. They're great for a long car ride or a busy night at home.
- Try magazines, videos and newspapers. They're good sources of information.

### **The library is an excellent place to start**

- Visit your school library! Call your school librarian and find out what times would be a good time to visit.
- Volunteering in your school library is also a good way to get to know the latest books and to help both teachers and students.
- Get a library card from the public library or an access number at your school. Don't forget another card for your child.
- Attend library story times.
- Set a good example by taking good care of books and returning them on time.

### **Five finger rule**

One way for any reader to know if a novel is challenging for them is to use the five finger rule. Just read one page in the novel and keep track of words that you don't know on your fingers. If you get to five before you finish the page, try another book.

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