

Extenders

- Read Nancie Atwell's *The Reading Zone* and share your favorite tips and general impressions at the next staff meeting. Teachers can brainstorm how they will integrate this knowledge into their daily teaching practice. Discuss the role that booktalking plays in the book and how your school might incorporate Atwell's ideas.
- Encourage cross-grade-level participation in booktalking. Ask faculty to develop a book-buddy program where older students booktalk picture books to younger students. This reading partnership encourages older students to revisit reading skills while younger students benefit from listening to a story.
- Ask students to keep a log of the booktalks they hear other students present. (A reproducible booktalk log is included in this pack.) Encourage students to bring their booktalk logs to the library to help them make informed decisions.
- Invite students to give booktalks during morning announcements or at any other convenient time during the school day.
- Encourage staff, parents, community members, and other school personnel to give booktalks often and with enthusiasm.
- Have students display written copies of their booktalks in prominent spaces, such as the classroom door or the hallway, along with a photo of themselves so they can remember their proud moments.
- Utilize the expertise of your school or public librarian. Invite him/her to visit classrooms on a regular basis to give booktalks on the newest additions to your school library collection.
- Hold a booktalking night for parents and students. Copy and distribute the Student Booktalk Tips (included in this pack) to offer guidance, and provide picture books for students and parents to read together. Encourage parent-child teams to share booktalks with other teams.

Use the Scholastic Book Wizard search engine (www.scholastic.com/bookwizard) to help teachers select books for individual students' reading levels. You can locate Lexile or DRA levels, as well as book summaries, author facts, genre, etc. and when students enter a favorite book title, similar books of that genre are suggested!

Suggested Reading and Resources

THE BOOK WHISPERER, by Donalyn Miller
Jossey-Bass, 2009

GREAT HABITS, GREAT READERS, by Paul Bambrick-Santoyo,
Aja Settles, and Juliana Worrell
Jossey-Bass, 2013

READING WITHOUT LIMITS, by Maddie Witter
Jossey Bass, 2013

WIRING THE BRAIN FOR READING, by Marilee B. Sprenger
Jossey-Bass, 2013

THE READING ZONE, by Nancie Atwell
Scholastic, 2007

Reading Rockets
<http://www.readingrockets.org>

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