

Early Literacy & Elementary Readers Advisory

Parent/Caregiver Questions:

- Which books did you like the best?
- What kinds of books have worked in the past?
- Do you have any favorite books from your own childhood?
- When do you read to your child?
- Are you working on building different literacy skills?
- How about some rhyming, singing stories & books with simple sight words?

Kid Questions:

- What are your favorite toys?
- What shows or movies do you like?
- What was the last book you liked?
- Can I show you something?
- Let's find some just right books together!
- Is this for an assignment or just for fun?
- What do you like to do besides reading?



Examples of RA Conversation Starters

Adult Readers Advisory

Kinds of Questions & Skills:

- Open-ended: Avoid “Yes/No” questions.
- Neutral Questions: No “Leading” Questions.
- Active Listening.
- Reflecting Back for Understanding.
- Paraphrasing.
- No Assumptions: DON'T Judge a Reader By Their Cover!
- Start with General Questions, then move to Specific.

Sample Questions:

- What are you in the mood for?
- Where will you be reading?
- What was the last book you liked?
- What did you like about it?
- What shows or movies do you like?
- What do you like to do besides reading?
- Ask About Four Doorways into Fiction: Story, Setting, Language, & Character.
- Ask About Appeal Factors: Pacing, Tone, Writing Style, Storyline, & Character.



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