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Family Reading Fun



In keeping with the theme of getting books into our hearts and minds, we have some suggestions for some new books and activities in the new year. January is the perfect time to find a cozy spot with your family and cuddle up with a blanket and new, exciting book! Make your winter warmer as your book becomes a magic carpet to transport you to any place you choose!

Family Activities



Use the search engine at your local library to find more books from diverse authors. You can also check to see if your library has a book or author spotlight or book lists to find other books that are new to you. Also remember to look at the Families and Literacy Committee website (<https://www.wsra.org/families-literacy>) for family calendars including more literacy activities.

Reading While reading, look for powerful, delicious, interesting words to help expand your vocabulary. Then, try using those words with other people in your life.	Writing Write a few describing words to express how the book made you feel. Write a six word memoir about one of the books. A six word memoir is literally six words--take a look at this website: https://www.sixwordmemoirs.com/ .
Speaking If you were to recommend one of these books, what would you share?	Listening Listen to the lyrics of <i>Amina's Voice</i> or another favorite song of yours.

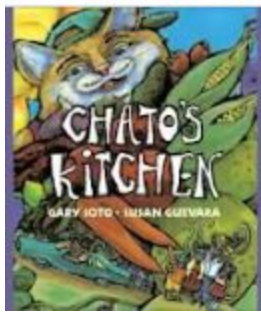


Book Spotlight



Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

(Middle Grade) The story centers around Amina dealing with the start of middle school, friendship drama, family conflict—familiar challenges for any kid. But Amina is also a Pakistani American Muslim, and the book is a window into her faith, culture, and community.



Chato's Kitchen by Dan Soto

(Picture Book) This book is about the coolest low-riding cat, Chato, whose new neighbors are the tastiest-looking family of mice. Chato and his best friend prepare for a welcoming feast, except for the main dish (who are also the guests of honor). The surprise happens when mice bring a special guest of their own. This book is also available in Spanish as *Chato y su cena*.

Technology Corner

Another diverse selection for a book suggestion is *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson. Search for a reading of the book on your internet search engine then enjoy discussing the book together.

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