

# Common Questions and Concerns From Parents and Caregivers About Reading



## **Is it OK that my child reads the same books over and over?**

Re-reading the same book over and over provides comfort and familiarity for children. It has the potential to help children build fluency and become familiar with story structure. Children get plenty of opportunity to read a variety of material at school. It's OK if they choose to read the same books over and over again at home. They will eventually find interest in new books and reading material as they grow and learn more.

## **How can I challenge my child in reading?**

Rather than looking to challenge your child in reading, consider looking to foster their love of reading. Frequent trips to the local library and reading books together are great starts!

## **My child only reads graphic novels and comics.**

Graphic novels and comics are excellent forms of reading material! If your child enjoys them, encourage it! Perhaps try reading a graphic novel or comic with your child. Highly visual texts like these offer the opportunity for children to read and understand both images and words. Our world and the reading material in it are only becoming more and more visual with time. We need to support kids in navigating it, and graphic novels and comics are a great start. Plus, these texts are also an entry point for growing a love of reading for many children.

## **My child doesn't like to read.**

This is always challenging. When a child does not enjoy reading, reading material is often the culprit. Allowing children to choose their own reading material and supporting them in doing so will likely make a big difference. Spending time once a week at the local library and working with your child to find books they *can* read and *want* to read might help. Also, if you're not already in the habit, make a little time each day to read with your child; choose a book together and then carve out 15 to 20 minutes to enjoy the story together. Many families do this right before bedtime as part of a routine.