

THE ART OF BOOK SHOPPING

Book shopping gives students choices and helps get them engaged in and excited about reading. At Success Academy, we believe that beautiful and well-organized classroom libraries help build a love for reading. In our upcoming module, we'll share tips and tricks for how to set up your library in a way that is exciting and inviting for kids, stay tuned!

Questions to Consider

1. How do you pick out books for yourself?
2. What draws you to the books you select?
3. How can you apply this to your students?

Goals for Book Shopping

- Classroom libraries are well-organized, inviting, and exciting for students
- Students are authentically motivated to select books that interest them and are on their reading level
- Teachers help students select books that they may not notice on their own, and encourage them to make connections between content areas
- Students develop a genuine, authentic love of reading

Tips for Setting Up Your Library

- Consider what the experience will feel like for scholars
- Read the books that you have in your library!
- Use bins, labels, systems, and routines to make your library functional
- Keep it clean, beautiful, easy to navigate
- Flush with a variety of books that highlight different topics and characters from diverse backgrounds
- Books organized by topic, theme, and subgenre (ex. Friendship or Sea Creatures or Levels G-K)
- Consider adding a listening library

Themes to Consider

- Focus on engagement, excitement, and ownership
- Be in the library with scholars
- Refer back to book conversations you've already had with kids
- Think creatively and purposefully about what kids might like to read
- Make connections between and among books
- Try again if a scholar doesn't seem excited
- Bring other kids into the book conversation
- Student Book Talks taking place during
 - During partner time once a week
 - Before book shopping
 - Between older and younger students