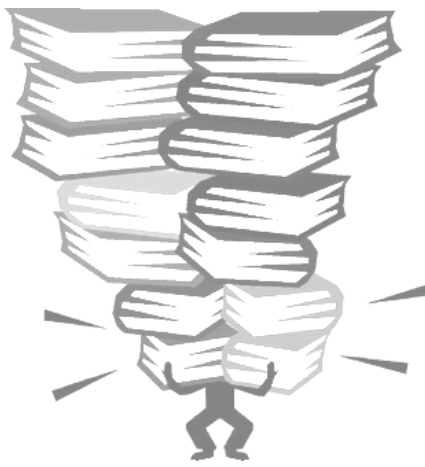


How to Give a Book Talk



1. Purpose:

- Get your audience excited about a book, author, series, or genre.
- Demonstrate an understanding of your summer reading.

2. Prepare:

- Make sure you've read the book.
- Think about what is interesting about your book.
- Think about the lead – how you will capture the readers' interest.
- Take notes as you read. You may want to consider a reader response journal.
- Mark with sticky notes passages you may want to share during your book talk.
- Prepare note cards to refer to during your talk.

3. Present: (3 minutes)

These are guidelines for student book talks. Teachers may provide additional choices for book talk presentations as appropriate for the grade level.

- Show the book or other visual or object related to your book.
- Tell the title, author, and genre.
- Start with a good lead (interesting introduction).
- Give a brief overview of your book.
- Explain why you chose to share the book.
- Read an excerpt (paragraph or two) and explain why this passage is important to the story

4. Remember:

- Practice the night before.
- Look at everyone.
- Speak clearly.
- Show your enthusiasm.
- Keep it brief.
- Relax and have fun sharing your summer reading book!