The Road to Reading Starts at the Library!

Your public libraries provide incredible resources that put all children on the road to skilled reading. To become a skilled reader, you need language comprehension and decoding skills.

Your libraries have all the resources to support learning to decode and building knowledge of our wonderful, diverse world.

Introducing: Decodable Books at the Lynbrook Public Library

Partners in Literacy

The following publishers are featured in the decodable book collection:

- Dog on a Log
- Express Readers
- Phonic Books
- Simple Words Books
- Whole Phonics
- YouKan Publishing

Teach My Kid to Read

Implementation and support are provided by Teach My Kid to Read, a non-profit that helps libraries, schools, and communities learn about and access resources that help all kids learn to read.

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How Do I Use Decodable Books?

Ask your child’s teacher what phonics skills your child has learned, then check the inside cover to see what skills the book includes.

- Decodables books list the skills presented in each book, so you can choose the right book based on what your child has learned.
- Decodable books are systematic and cumulative to provide continuing practice with previously learned skills.

What are Decodable Books?

Decodable books allow early and struggling readers to practice the phonics skills they have learned with books that match these skills.

Like training wheels, decodable books provide essential practice decoding until reading becomes automatic.

Decodable books progress logically from simple to complex based on mastery at each level.

The collection includes a range of decodable books for pre-readers, emergent readers, and older struggling readers, as well as fiction and nonfiction.

How Long Should My Child Use Decodable Books?

Decodable books are intended to be used until a child is fluent in reading. Some children will need decodable books for a short period of time, while other children will need lots of practice. No matter how long it takes to learn to become a skilled reader, practicing with decodable books are critical to learning to read with accuracy.

Beyond Decoding

Decodables also support vocabulary, comprehension and other important literacy skills for beginning and struggling readers.