



Eager readers!

Please find below information about suitable books for your young readers. I know for many parents (and children!) it's easy to stick to the same author or style of book once they are comfortable. But it's just as important to try a wide variety of story types and authors to inspire a love of reading. This diet of books could be poetry, non-fiction, graphic novels and, of course, children's classics which stand the test of time and introduce children to whole new worlds.

The easiest way to find out about new books would be to visit a book shop; there are several independent book shops around Leeds and obviously bigger chains like Waterstones. The staff in these shops will be passionate about reading and can point you in the right direction.

Leeds Book Awards

Here is a link to the shortlisted books from all the Leeds Book Awards. These lists have been whittled down from a long list by librarians, teachers, children and book lovers across the city. There's always a good read in them and sometimes something a little different that children wouldn't normally pick up. For more confident readers, books from the 11-14 lists will be accessible.

<http://www.leedsbookawards.co.uk/archive.php>

Love Reading 4 Kids

Another fabulous website where you can filter books by age or recommendations. Rather than plumping for an author that you know, try something a little different. They even have the option of downloading an extract so that you can try before you buy or borrow.

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Libraries

Always an amazing source of inspiration and advice!