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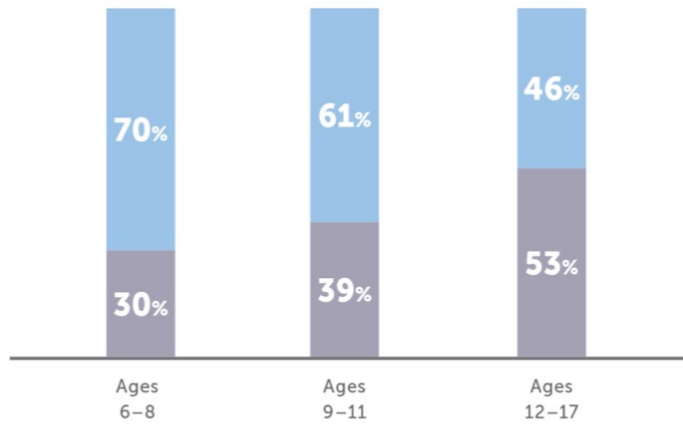
SCHOOL BOOK CLUBS: KEEP READING FUN!

- How I got started
- The value of book clubs
- Forming the club – who, where, when
- Engaging your members
- Book club: more than just books!
- Breakout session: plan your book club
- Sharing and questions

READING FOR FUN DROPS WITH AGE

HOW MUCH DO YOU ENJOY READING BOOKS FOR FUN?

- Love it / Like it a lot
- Like it a little / Not at all

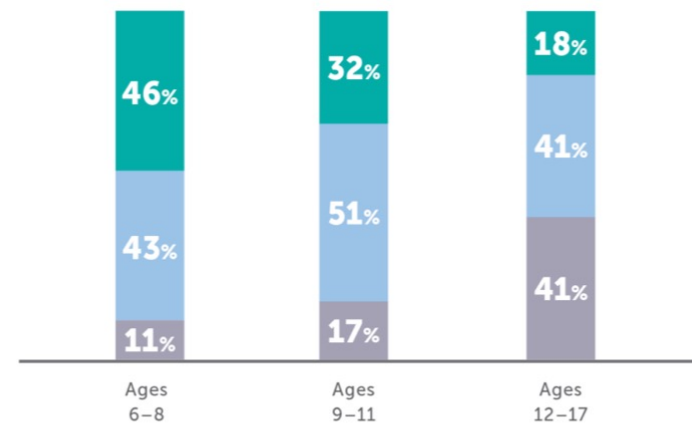


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HOW MANY DAYS A WEEK DO YOU READ BOOKS FOR FUN?

- Frequent Readers (reads 5-7 days a week)
- Moderately frequent readers (reads 1-4 days a week)
- Infrequent readers (reads less than one day a week)

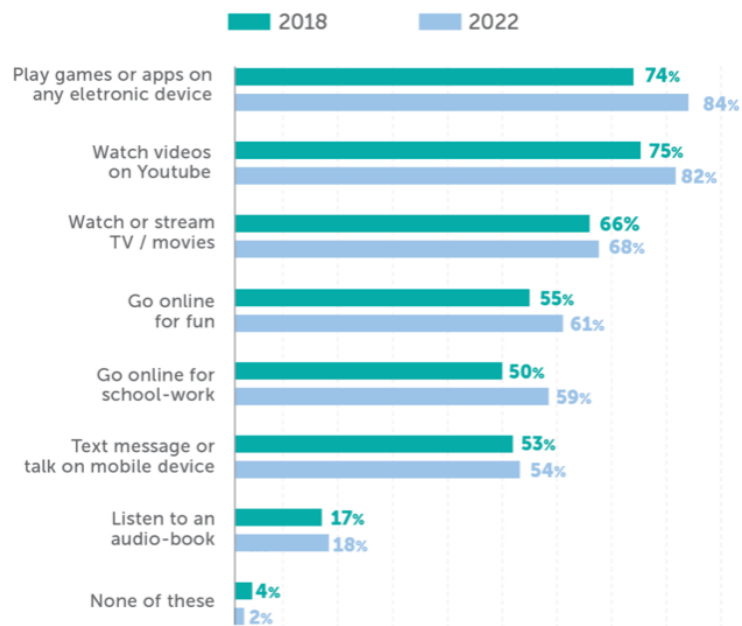


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SCREENS GETTING IN THE WAY...

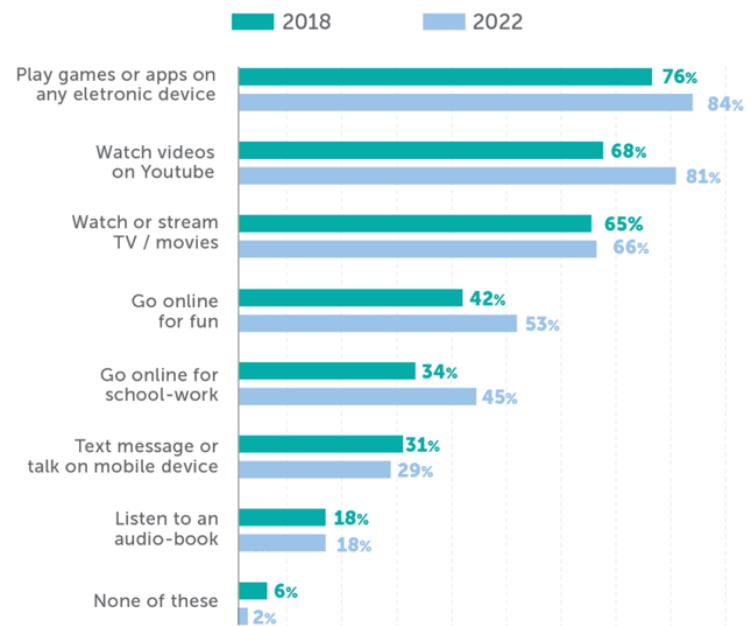
CHILDREN'S DIGITAL ACTIVITIES HAVE RISEN SINCE 2018



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CHILDREN AGES 6-11 ARE INCREASINGLY PARTICIPATING IN DIGITAL ACTIVITIES FOR FUN



Base: Parents of children age 6-11

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WHAT ELSE?



More homework, reading in textbooks



Less library time



Less read-to-self time in school



Busier sports and extra curricular schedules



Social media

An open book with a red cover is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are white and densely packed. The background is a blurred array of colorful book spines in shades of blue, red, and yellow, suggesting a library or bookstore setting. The text "ENTER...BOOK CLUB!" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the book's pages.

ENTER...BOOK CLUB!

RULES OF BOOK CLUB



Everyone is welcome



No homework!



Student participation and ownership



Safe space



Be yourself!

YOU DECIDE TO HAVE BOOK CLUB, NOW WHAT?

- WHO
- WHEN
- WHERE

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOOK CLUB

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Book Club Ice Breaker Questions

- If you could be in the setting of any book, what would it be?
- Physical book, e-reader, or audiobook?
- How do you book mark? Dog-ear? Dust jacket? Piece of paper? Actual bookmark?
- What is your favorite book that turned into a movie?
- What is the worst movie adaptation from a book?
- If any author could write your life story, who would you pick?
- What is your favorite picture book?
- What books are on your "To Be Read (TBR)" pile?
- What is your favorite book series of all time?
- What book would you like to see adapted into a movie?
- Who is your least favorite story character of all-time?
- What is your favorite genre and why?
- What book needs a sequel?
- What book has left the longest impression on you?
- Would you ever read the last chapter before starting a book?
- What is your favorite place to read?
- Which character in a book would you most like to be friends with?
- What is your favorite time of day to read?
- Who are the worst book parents?
- Do you reread books?
- Do you read magazines? What are your favorites?
- Library or bookstore?
- Do you judge a book by its cover?
- Have you ever thought about writing a book? What would it be about?
- Fiction or non-fiction?
- Paperback or Hardcover?
- Do you read multiple books at the same time?
- If you start a book, do you have to finish it?
- Long books or short books?
- Do you like graphic novels? Why or why not?
- Would you a book written in verse? Why or why not?
- If you could meet one author in person (dead or alive), who would it be?
- Do you let people borrow your books?
- Does your family like to read? What do they read?
- What is a book you want to read, but haven't?
- What is your favorite book? Has it changed?

VOTE ON BOOK SELECTIONS!

Once you know your students,
help them decide what to read!





MIX IT UP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Themes for book choices:

- all-city read
- National Months (Black history, poetry, etc.)
- Newbery Winners
- First in a series
- Author visit

BOOK CLUB PICKS

Books for Elementary Book Club (3-5)

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

City Spies by James Ponti

Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

The Fun Jungle series by Stuart Gibbs

Books for Middle School Book Club (6-8)

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Alone by Megan E. Freeman

Thirst by Varsha Bajaj

Two-Degrees by Alan Graatz

The Eighth Day by Diane Salerni

The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly by Rebecca Ansari

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

When Stars are Scattered. By Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

The Crossover by Kwami Alexander

Atlantis Rising by T.A. Barron

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani Larocca

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Restart by Gordon Korman

The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

BOOK CLUB MEETING IDEAS

My first rule is that I don't have rules. Flexibility is key!



Ideas:

- Author background, YouTube videos, websites, list or stack of other books by author
- Identify the main themes – how can you connect the kids to these themes
- Connect to music, movies, other pop culture, food

THE FIRST STATE OF BEING

BY ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

WEEK 1: Introduction to author, read first chapter aloud

WEEK 2: Book check-in. Life without cell phones. Music samples of Red Hot Chili Peppers & Backstreet Boys

WEEK 3: Book check-in. Anxiety & guilt. 90s Snacks!

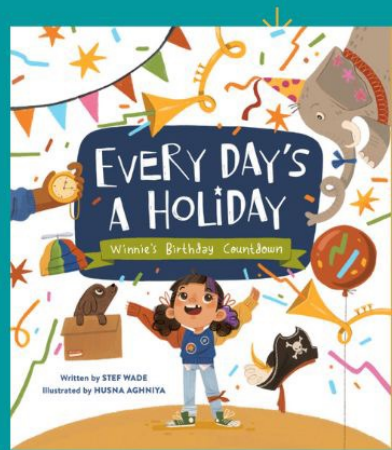
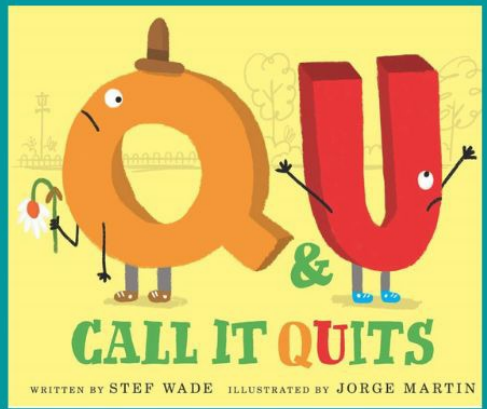
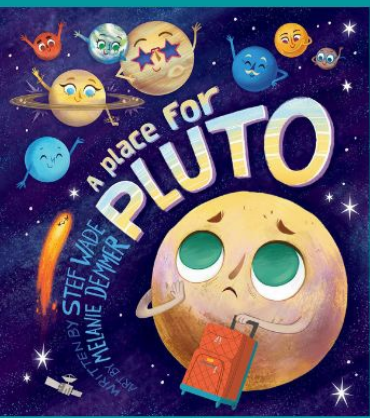
WEEK 4: Book check-in. Time Traveling – what are the defining moments and items of our time? Make a time capsule.

WEEK 5: Book check-in. Living in the present and WHAT Ifs.

WEEK 6: Wrap up and reviews. Choose next book!



6 WEEK SAMPLE



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