

PHS Library Exploration and To Read Next List

Our library has an amazing number of great books, thanks to Mrs. Safarik who loves to read and loves to find books that people are actually interested in. Unfortunately, not many people are aware of the incredible bounty of our library, so you are going to take a little journey through all the ways you can find stuff here. Complete each of the following tasks with the spirit of curiosity and open-mindedness and you just might discover some really good books to read. Here's a [video](#) walking you through this assignment.

1. Go to the [PHS Library Search page](#). Check out the recently added books. Click on any books that intrigue you even a little bit. Type a book title and author below that might interest you and why.
2. Scroll down to the "topics" squares. Click on a few topics that seem like they might be interesting and see what books are available. Below, type a few book titles and authors that might interest you, along with what topic they're under.
3. Now we're going to try a search. Click on Search Options and make sure they are set to Keyword. Then type in something that's interesting to you. See what books pop up. Be sure to type any that appeal to you below - title and author. Change the wording a little, try other keywords and see what pops up.
4. Now we're going to change the Search Options to something else. Try an author you've liked before. If you don't remember the author, google it. See what else this author has written. As before, type in the title and author of any books that appeal to you.
5. Now, think about a book you've enjoyed reading in the past. Go to Google and type in "If you liked _____ (the book's name) _____". See what books pop up. Type the title and authors of ones that look interesting.
6. Talk to a few family members, friends, and other people whose opinion you respect and ask for book recommendations. Write the titles and authors of any that might be interesting below.
7. Look over the books you've typed in above that looked interesting and copy and paste them below. This is the beginning of your "To read next" list.
8. Place a hold on a book or two that you found interesting in the library. You will be able to pick them up at school in a few days. Which books did you place on hold? List below.