

**Decodable Books Reading Center  
In the Children's Library  
Idaho Falls Public Library**

**What**

Decodable reader books are specially designed reading materials. They help new readers sound out and decode words. Decodable books are a great tool, allowing a child to practice reading skills and build confidence.

The children's library would like to create a dedicated center with a decodable collection for each reading level available.

Children and parents will have a dedicated space where they could practice learning how to read.

**Why**

While our library currently offers a variety of predictive text books, we lack resources that allow beginning readers to sound out every word, which is crucial for developing strong phonics skills

**How**

The Children's Library will create informational signs and materials with ideas about how parents can help their child. The signs would be based on the attached examples.

Books from the reading center would stay in the library. Additional decodable kits will be created for parents to check out and take home.

Based on the needs of parents and their children, the children's library could offer workshops for parents on how to effectively use these books to support children's reading development. The program would require an initial investment in purchasing the books and organizing the workshops.

**Can You do it?**

The Children's Library is uniquely positioned to support literacy development in our community. Parents and caregivers will have access to resources to help their child succeed in reading. Studies indicate that children who use decodable readers make faster progress in reading when compared to those who do not.

"Phonics and Decodable Readers," *Booklist*, October 1, 2023.

"What are Decodable Books and Why are They Important?"

<https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/curriculum-and-instruction/articles/what-are-decodable-books-and-why-are-they-important>