

Listserv responses:

We are in the process of implementing this idea in our library. I was planning on also asking questions that were non-book related.

Things like:

Coke or Pepsi?

Who's the most influential person in your life?

What is the most important quality in a friend?

I've ordered a couple of those question books- The Book of Questions by Gregory Stock (they have different and updated versions) as well as the Coke or Pepsi question books to draw from.

We've done magnetic poetry, favorite books...

You could try:

New book you are most looking forward to reading

Book you would recommend to a friend

Best book for dogs, cats (etc.)

Longest/shortest book you've ever read

Best Mystery (or whatever other genre)

Favorite comic book

Characters from books you'd like to know/date/meet for lunch/go to school with/etc.

Favorite cookies (not books, but could be fun especially around the holidays)

What are you going to be for Halloween? (could be book character based)

If you could live a book character's life for one day, who would you be? Why?

Fantasy or Real Life?

If you could choose taking only one book you loved OR five books you've never read on a deserted island....which would you pick?

Fun idea! How about:

- favorite first line of a book?
- favorite book quote?
- what would the character in the book you're reading post as their Facebook status?
- what book deserves a sequel?
- what book can you read again and again?
- funniest book you've ever read?
- what new book are you dying to get your hands on?
- what book character is just like you?
- what book character would be your BFF?
- ...and how about letting them just doodle?

Who is the most evil villain in the books you have read?

List some books that are "hidden gems". Books that are great but are not very popular.

Which hero/heroine would you most like to become?

How about:

- favorite book series
- worst book you've read
- guilty pleasure read
- Themes? Fav LGBT, horror, sci/fi, fantasy, etc. read-Laugh out loud series

What book would you save from a fire?

What book would you want your parents/teachers to read? What book would you NOT want them to read?

Or you could do a Post Secret one- where they post their biggest fear/shame anonymously.

You might could use scariest read for October, of course you would want a catchier title than that.

How about books to help take over the world, survive the apocalypse, or further your Evil Plans?

My library just got Blik's not-whiteboards for our teen room, and the teens are loving them! (I attached a photo.) Previous to this, I did a Question of the Week with butcher paper and markers, or on Facebook. Some of the ones I used:

What was the first book you read in 2013? (I did this right after New Year's)

What's your dream job?

What fictional career would you most like to have? (Shadowhunter, Auror, Literary Detective, etc.)

The Zombie Apocalypse wiped out all but ONE SONG on your playlist! What's left?

What's your favorite flavor of ice cream?

What two characters from DIFFERENT BOOKS would make the best couple?

What book would make the best movie?

Who is your literary dream date?

I remember coming across a blog where author Ally Condie has posted a playlist of the music she listened to when she wrote Matched, et al. That got me asking my kids what types of music comes to mind when they think of a book character or book. For example - what would be a playlist for Katniss (the Hunger Games), Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, etc etc. Perhaps something like this would work as an end cap question?

What books or movies have you seen mentioned in another book?

What is one thing you have learned from reading?

Name a character from a book and name a book that would have been useful to that character. You could also pick a few books and ask them to list all of the connections they see between the books you've chosen.

What are all the books that have a character named ____ ?

What book would you like to re-write and why/how?

Name the wackiest book you've read.

Create book spine poetry or put titles together to create a sentence.

What are all the words you can spell using the letters in the title of this book?

Draw a scene from this book.

Name books with similar titles.

What is one thing you would like to ask this character?

What character is most like you? Least like you?