



CREATING THE BEST READING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR FAMILY

a guide for parents and caregivers

Welcome to the Idaho Digital E-Book Alliance (IDEA)
from the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL).

We appreciate that you are a parent or caregiver
who is invested in your child's learning.

This guide can help you navigate the IDEA collection
for content that fits with your family's interests and values.

PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDATIONS

Trained and experienced ICfL staff are available to help you navigate the IDEA collection so that you may find material that is just right for your child or teen. Staff can work with you through a reference interview to discuss your family's reading, viewing, and listening values. This is also an opportunity for you to share any subject matter you would like to avoid. This will help ICfL staff identify items in the collection that specifically meet your family's needs, interests, and standards.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- As a parent or caregiver, you are your child's first and best teacher. You should feel empowered to set parameters that are right for your family. It is your role to discuss with your child what is and is not appropriate for them to read, view, and listen to.
- As a state agency, the responsibilities of the ICfL include providing material in the IDEA collection that meets the needs of all Idahoans. We strive to have something for everyone! With that in mind, every family is different. What is just right for some community members and some families may not be appropriate for others.
- You are empowered to set the boundaries for your family. But ICfL staff can help you do that. For assistance or more information, call the ICfL at 208-639-4165 or email marina.rose@libraries.idaho.gov.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR REVIEWING TITLES

There are a number of free, reputable online resources you can use to determine what titles are best suited for your family.

Common Sense Media is an organization that reviews various media (including books) and allows users to rate media. The goal of the organization is to provide information on media suitability for children. It is unique in that it offers both parent and child perspectives on most titles. This site provides three free media reviews per month. Unlimited reviews are \$3.99 per month.

NovelList Plus is a database of book recommendations for all ages and is freely provided to any Idahoan by the ICfL via <https://lili.org>. Titles are categorized: ages 0-8, ages 9-12, teens, and adults. Most titles include detailed professional reviews, grade level recommendations, and read-alike/listen-alike recommendations. No account required.

Trigger Warning Database is a collection of titles personally reviewed by a team of dozens of publishers and authors. Each review links to the specified title's Goodreads' page and Story Graph page for further review. It includes a list of trigger and content warnings. No account required.

Goodreads touts itself as "the world's largest site for readers and book recommendations." Goodreads is a community-built site that offers reader ratings, reviews, and a virtual space for discussion or to ask questions of other readers. You can create a free account to track your books and engage with other readers.

Amazon offers a "look inside" feature for most books which gives you a preview of the first few pages of the book. You can search how many times certain words occur in a book to see if the title fits your standards.