

# NLPS Learns: Independent Reading

## Building a Classroom Library - Primary

Setting up a classroom library is a big task and there are so many possible approaches to take. The most important consideration is to be informed by your knowledge of the students. This may include, their interests, preferences and reading skills. Here are some categories to consider when building your classroom library:

### Wordless Books

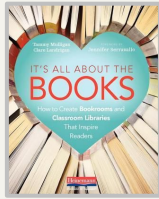
Wordless books are excellent for:

- Inspiring vocabulary and story-telling
- Ideas for writing
- Inferencing



### Featured Professional Resource:

**It's All About the Books** - How do create Bookrooms and Classroom Libraries that Inspire Readers (Mulligan, Landrigen)



### Picture Books

Picture books can be used in so many different ways including: read alouds, shared reading and independent reading. They can be organized by:

#### Authors



#### Topics



#### Core Competencies



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### Series

Students love familiar characters and allow book matching to extend past one book. Here are some popular series:

#### Early Novels



#### Graphic Novels



### Other Key Considerations:

Library - don't be shy to sign out large quantities of books from your school library. Your librarian will be happy to pull books on topics you study or by authors you and your students love.

Labelling and Organizing - make sure you have a system so students can independently reshelve books.

- Categories may include author, topic, award-winning books
- Some classes even have a class job where student-librarians help manage returns and keep the classroom library tidy.

