



## Guided Tips for Meaningful Banned Books Discussions and Parent-Child Reading

Here are some helpful tips for parents to create engaging and thoughtful reading experiences with their children. These strategies encourage reflection, discussion and shared learning while reading together.

- Prepare by reading the book before reading it again with your child.
- Find different places in the book to pause and engage with the story.
  - What's happening in the picture?
  - How might the character feel in this moment?
- Be open to questions from your child, and it's okay to say "I don't know" if you're unsure about the answer. Use it to learn more as you search for the answer together.
- Reflect with your child on their thoughts and feelings about the story. Share your thoughts and feelings about the story too.
- If you're unsure about what to talk about in the book, look for some talking points from discussion guides provided by the author, publisher, or other resources for the book. You may also find some fun interactive activities to do together with your child.
- For more tips, Literary Specialist Katie Potter provides more general questions in this article about [\*Reading aloud with kids to spark conversations about difference.\*](#)