Book Trust is a national early literacy non-profit partnering with Scholastic Book Clubs and elementary schools, supporting students in discovering the joy and power of reading.

This toolkit details the Book Trust program and provides a window into ways to enhance your family's reading experience at home.
How does Book Trust work?

With the support of teachers, each student receives a stipend to choose books from Scholastic Book Clubs each month of the school year. These books are theirs to own and bring home to create home libraries at absolutely no cost to families.

Students and families have the opportunity to create a special space or "Home Library" to keep their books organized and allow for easy access to reading.

Time is set aside during class for students to read their new books and share their selections with classmates before bringing them home.

Each month, new books arrive and the class celebrates reading and literacy together. Continue the celebration at home by discussing your child's new books!

Students will select new books each month starting in September through May. Be on the lookout for new books coming home!
Check out the ideas below for creating a home library. You can use a shelf, shoebox, grocery bag, pillowcase, or anything else you already have!

Why are Home Libraries important?

- Keeping all of your family's books together in one place makes accessing them quick and easy for students, siblings, and family members.
- Whenever your family wants to read, you'll know exactly where to find your books!
- Research suggests reading with children stimulates curiosity, gives them a sense of comfort and acceptance and helps them build the knowledge required for success in reading.

Take advantage of your Home Library

- As new books come home each month, add them to your home library and watch the collection grow throughout the school year.
- Access your home library for family reading time, bedtime stories, or independent reading.
- Start small to build stamina by setting a goal to read for 1-2 minutes, make it a game by trying to increase the number of reading minutes each time.
- Did you know 13 minutes of reading each day equals 1 million words read in a year?
Book Trust provides monthly reading tips, and more to keep the whole family reading together! Visit booktrust.org/families to check them out.

We love to share photos of Book Trust families engaging with their books! Follow along with our social media channels and tag us @booktrustUSA on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your home library and your family reading together.

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