

+ + Other Reading Options + +

Plugged In

Technology, especially audio books, are another great way to **connect** with books.

- Both the ALHS Media Center and the Albert Lea Public Library offer **books on CD** to listen to narrated books. – great for long trips!
- An MP3 player provides access to many free resources of auditory books. One site that offers TWO new (FREE) books each month during the summer is **SYNC Young Adult Audiofiles**, found at: <http://www.audiobooksync.com/>
- **Kindle or Nook** readers also offer a way to explore reading by using technology. If you have a Kindle/Nook device, be sure to investigate the many free, or low cost, book choices offered for the device.

"Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything." – Tomie dePaola

Book Club Rules:

1. Find a group that suits your interests.
2. Shop around and join a club that is designed for young adults. **Example: *hatchetbookgroup.com***
3. Be sure to include a parent in the book discussions occasionally – discuss this up front with your parent/get permission
4. NO offsite contact with other participants.
5. Form your own book club with friends– create a theme party to celebrate the story when finished.

Where do I find a good book to read?

Mrs. Bute's Booktalk Wikispace:

This is a website created by the Mrs. Bute, the Library Media Specialist at the Albert Lea High School, to offer a variety of book trailers for students to view and get an idea of what a book is all about. It is located in the "Media Center" tab of the ALHS website and listed on the "Media Links" area. The video clips are fun to watch and play like a movie trailer, so students love them.

Amazon.com:

Navigate to Amazon.com and type in the title of a book(or author's name) that you have enjoyed reading in the past, then click "Go" to find the book (click the the correct book choice). If you scroll down, this site offers other books that are similar to the one you chose and offers many options to explore for reading. Please note that you do not have to buy anything from Amazon, it can be used as a search tool to find great book ideas.

Good Reads.com:

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