

BOOK CLUBS GUIDE FOR French Immersion

FOR PARENTS

& TEACHERS



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French Immersion Success Starts Here!

If your child is new to French Immersion, or has switched to a new grade, you may be feeling anxious about how to build your French library or encourage your French Immersion student to build reading skills. We've created this resource for parents and teachers, complete with tips and tricks to help you out!

According to the most recent Kids & Family Reading Report™ (Canadian Edition), parents, teachers, and school librarians are a source of encouragement to read books—including those in French—for fun.

Book Clubs is the best place to shop for your child enrolled in French Immersion! If you're not sure how to find just-right books for your French Immersion student, look for this symbol on our Club de lecture print and digital flyers 🌟. Plus, be sure to check out our French Immersion books and resources at scholastic.ca/rc/frenchimmersion.



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BOOK CLUBS SUPPORTS FRENCH IMMERSION!

Parents, here's how you can help with your child's French Immersion education!

- **Let your child teach you some of the French words they're learning and try to use them at home.** Don't worry about getting them wrong sometimes; your child will love correcting you and it'll boost their confidence and connection to their new language!



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- **Build a French library at home!** If your child has engaging books in both French and English to choose from, they'll be encouraged to read in both languages.

- **Don't be anxious about not being able to help them with homework in French!** You can help equip them with the habits and skills they need, like critical thinking and organization, rather than with the specific assignments. Guiding questions will help them recall and understand the instructions, even if you can't read them. Try asking, "What were you learning about at school today?", "Which words in the instructions do you understand?", "Can you infer about some of the other words, or do they look similar to another word you know (word families)?"

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- **Encourage your child to listen to some French music, watch a television show or movie in French, or play some games in French at home!** They can help you with the French vocabulary, boosting their skills and confidence.
- **Provide your child with opportunities to speak French outside of the classroom.** Ideas include hiring a French-speaking babysitter when you need one, inviting French friends or classmates for play dates, visiting a French café or shop where they can help place your order, or sending your child to a French summer camp.
- **Show an interest!** Invite your child to tell you in English about a story they're reading in French, ask them to predict what will happen next or how the story will end, and encourage them to use word families and context clues to decipher unknown words rather than heading straight to the French-English dictionary.



BUILDING A FRENCH IMMERSION LIBRARY

Parents, here's how you can build a French Immersion library at home!

- **Offer lots of choices**—different genres, series, characters, and authors! Children engage more with reading when they choose their own books and when they have more books in their own home, according to the most recent Kids & Family Reading Report™ (Canadian Edition).
- **Ask your child's teacher or school librarian for recommendations**, especially if you're not sure what level your child is reading at in French! Depending on when your child started French Immersion, they may be a few grade levels behind in the books they can read in French versus those they can read in English.
[Book Clubs](#) offers a curated list of titles for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced French Immersion readers.
- **Encourage your child to read a favourite English book again in French!** Not only will this engage reluctant readers, but it will boost comprehension and reading confidence.
- **Visit your local library and browse the French section!** Your child might find a new character, author, or series of books they enjoy that you can start adding to your home collection.



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- **Check out the French section at local bookstores** like Indigo and Sonnet. Also, search for reading apps and websites that offer French language e-books.
- **Order from Book Clubs through your child's teacher!** With an easy-to-use website, this is a great way to stock up on an expertly-curated French books with a different selection each month, while helping your child's school. Each purchase you make gives your child's teacher FREE books and resources for the classroom!

BOOK CLUBS SUPPORTS FRENCH IMMERSION TEACHERS!

Scholastic Book Clubs is here to help you find the books and resources you need to support your French Immersion students!

It can be a challenge to encourage students who are learning French to read and converse in their new language! Here are some ideas and resources to help:

- **Familiarize yourself with some book series and characters that your French Immersion readers will enjoy.** According to the most recent Kids & Family Reading Report™ (Canadian Edition), kids often look to their teachers and school librarians for book ideas!
- **Build a robust French library!** As a teacher, you know that you're going to have a wide range of reading levels in your classroom, and a variety of interests as well.
- **Many parents of French Immersion students don't speak or read French themselves, but would like to be able to help their children select books for reading at home.** Every French book on our website has a bilingual description so parents can read about each book in both English and French!
- **You can also search "French Immersion" on the [Book Clubs site](#) to find the books we've identified as the best for French Immersion readers.**



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- **Ease homework worries** by ensuring that assignments are explained in class and are reviewing skills already learned at school. Parents can help by reinforcing the habits their child needs to complete their work independently, such as concentration, critical thinking, organization, and problem solving, rather than with the content of the assignments.
- **Engage your students in the language** by introducing them to French music, movies, games, and traditions!
- **Motivate your students to extend their vocabulary beyond the school environment!** Taking field trips to French theatre, festivals, or concerts and inviting French-speaking community members in as guest speakers are great ways to motivate students to broaden their vocabularies.
- **Encourage parents to read with their children**, even if they don't speak French!



HOW TO BUILD A FRENCH IMMERSION CLASSROOM LIBRARY!

Build your classroom library and support your students!

- According to the most recent Kids & Families Reading Report™ (Canadian Edition), many have trouble finding books they like, and having a lot of selection can help! Kids are much more likely to finish a book when they've chosen it themselves!
- Include some high-interest/low vocabulary books for those who are reading at a lower level, but still need topics and stories that are age-appropriate.
- Offer a wide variety of genres, reading levels, series, authors, and characters to pick from so everyone can connect with a book in your classroom! Experts suggest that your classroom library should have at least 20 books per student!
- Encourage students to try their favourite English books in French! Not only will re-reading familiar stories boost their confidence, but also their reading comprehension. Scholastic Book Clubs offers many favourite series in both English and French.
- If you live in or are visiting a city with a large French-speaking population, check out used book stores and garage sales for affordable books.
- Ask friends, family, and other teachers to donate any French books they're finished with.
- Partner with [Book Clubs](#) to offer your students and their families a wide variety of French books, flyers that change monthly, and lower prices than they'll find in stores—and the best part—Bonus Bank Rewards for you to spend on classroom resources with each student order!
- Check [the Scholastic Dollars Reward Catalogue](#) for books and resources—you can spend your Bonus Bank Rewards there, too!



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