

Blind Date with a Book

Take a book home without knowing its title.
Who knows...you just might fall in love!

How it Works:

#1. Wrap a selection!:

Gather a wide selection of suitable literature, wrap up each book in brown paper (or any type of paper for that matter) and give children a little teaser, just a hint, of what they might find between its pages. This builds intrigue and a buzz of excitement around what to choose.

#2. Decorate the books with provided materials:

Attach some of the decor items included in the resource to the wrapping paper - hearts with clever sayings like , "Can I get your (call) number?" or "Hey, babe - Check me out!"

#3. Display the wrapped books:

Place the books around the library (or classroom) and allow the children to spend some time browsing and discussing what they might like to read.

#4. Students select a book based only on the description on the card:

Only after they select, students unwrap and check out the book. They are not allowed to trade, or get another book.

#5. Perfect Match:

At this point, allow children to choose their 'date' simply by reading the teaser on the cover. Children will need to make a choice based on what they want out of their next literary adventure. If you're running this inside the school library, barcodes could be taped to the outside of the books for check out.

#6. Date Night:

Either give children time in class or a session in the school library to 'get to know their date'. Better yet, allow 'date night' to take place at home.

#7. Rate your date:

Ask children to complete a 'Rate my Date' card about whether or not they enjoyed their blind date with a book. The rate your date card is important as it allows you to gather important feedback on selected books and children's personal reading habits and interests.

