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# BUILDING A LIBRARY OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Busy parents can build a meaningful library for their children even when time is tight. Books help children see things from a different perspective and a story can help them see something in a concrete way. For adults, children's books can give us language to use and open up a subject for conversation.

When you look at your home library and add books to your collection, think about a few things:

## **Do I have books that show a variety of people and family types?**

- ✧ Do I have books that show step-families, single parent families, same sex families, adoptive families, extended families, families with non-white characters, and books that highlight girls as the lead character?

## **Do I have books that represent our family?**

## **Do I have books that show different situations—fun adventure books, books about characters solving problems, facing a scary situation?**

## **Do I have kid-friendly books about real people in addition to books about fictional characters?**

## **Do I have books that showcase characters with the values and traits I am trying to instill in my children?**

