

Audio Books Check-out permission form at the Moline-Boyd Library at The First Academy



Why use audio books?

Audiobooks can be used to:

- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Model good interpretive reading
- Teach critical listening
- Highlight the humor in books
- Introduce new genres that students might not otherwise consider
- Introduce new vocabulary or difficult proper names or locales
- Sidestep unfamiliar dialects or accents, Old English, and old-fashioned literary styles
- Provide a read-aloud model
- Provide a bridge to important topics of discussion for parents and children who can listen together while commuting to sporting events, music lessons, or on vacations
- Recapture "the essence and the delights of hearing stories beautifully told by extraordinarily talented storytellers" (Baskin & Harris, 1995, p. 376)

Baskin, B., & Harris, K. (1995). Heard any good books lately? The case for audiobooks in the secondary classroom. *Journal of Reading*, 38(5), 372-376.

Audio book policy:

As most audio books are 400-1600% the cost of a paperback (\$5 for a paperback, \$20.00-\$70.00 for the same audio book), some parents may not want to be responsible for such a cost if the item was lost, damaged, or part of it (such as a CD) went missing. In the interest of offering a new service, and ensuring that students who check out the item have the approval of their parents or guardians, we are requiring the completion of a short form, with parent signature. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and hope you will enjoy listening!

I, _____ (parent/guardian name) request that my child,

_____ (child name) be permitted to check out audio

books, with the knowledge that their replacement cost is much higher than the same title in standard book format would be.

Sign

Print name

Date