

## BENEFITS OF REREADING

As summarized from:

Allen, Corrina, host. "Benefits of Rereading & a Conversation with Deimos Webber-Bey." *Books Between*. Episode #75. 28July2019.

*"Wise words from Dav Pilkey, author of Captain Underpants and Dog Man who has said, "Nobody complains when musicians play the same songs over and over or when basketball players run the same plays over and over. So why do we complain when children read the same books multiple times?""*

**Why may it not be a favorite of a librarian, teacher or parent?**

Not challenging enough or missing out on a learning opportunity (of something new).

**Why reread?**

- It's fun. Allows you to spend more time with favorite characters. It's like going on your favorite roller coaster--you relive the excitement over and over again.
- Less pressure to finish the book. You can read your favorite scenes = enhance your overall reading life.
- It keeps reading momentum going. Having trouble finding a favorite book = don't waste time looking; just reread a favorite.
- Prepares you for the next book coming out in the series (e.g., binge watching on Netflix).
- Something comforting in the text especially if your life is chaotic at the moment.

**Why reread: academic benefits?**

- Increases fluency if even in your head. Smoother experience of the book. Might read with more expression or tone as you understand the characters emotions better.
- You will notice more on a second or third read.
- Pick up more vocabulary.
- Able to catch the author's intent of literary elements such as foreshadowing, use of symbolism or theme across chapters.
- Pick up on clues easier on a second or third read; notice the motivations and backstory of a character.
- Understand better the aspects of the story you would never understand unless you read the book a second or third time.
- Knowing what you know after the first read, makes the reread more enjoyable. Pick up problematic aspects of a book that you may not have noticed in a first read.
- Your perspective of the book changes with the continuing life experiences.
- Understanding these literary elements in this reread book, will allow you to recognize them in other books.
- Rereading can boost your own writing.

**Enhance their reading of a book for the second or third time:**

- Acknowledge a student's rereading a book and ask them why they love it so much.
- Angle questions asking them more about their deeper meaning (e.g., what do you know more about characters after the second, third read, why was there so much description about the setting in the beginning of the book)
- Introduce them to other similar media - author's website, graphic novel on the same book (ask how they differ). Introduce them to another reader who likes the book to have them share favorite reads.