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Read Not Guess:

- Check out Chad Aldeman’s FREE online resource at [Read Not Guess!](#)

Why the old method’s don’t work:

- Learn about the problems with [Guided Reading](#) from the authors of the [reading theory](#).

Literacy Information:

- Listen to [Sold a Story Podcast](#) and learn about the behind the scene details of the education system on reading.
- Find resources for parents and educators from the [National Literacy Institute](#).
- Learn more about the United States’ [Literacy Crisis](#) from this article by The Hill.
- Read all about the [Phonics Screening Check](#) that was discussed during this podcast.
- Discover articles and resources on the [Science Behind Reading](#) from a local librarian.

Structured Literacy and “Decodable” books:

- Read all about [decodable books](#).
- Discover the basics of structured literacy from [Little Lion's Literacy](#) and [Reading Rockets](#).
- Learn how to use the Five Finger Rule to find a '[just right book](#)' from Scholastic.

How to help at home:

- Learn how to effectively [read at home](#) with your child from Reading Rockets.
- Discover how [reading aloud](#) boosts your child’s literacy skills from University of Rochester and the [Brightly Blog](#).

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How to help older, struggling readers:

- Learn from [Reading Rockets](#) on how support an older reader and from the [Institute of Education Sciences](#).

Patchogue-Medford Library Resources:

- Check out [TumbleBooks](#) for online story books and read-alongs for kids!
- Read our library e-book collection on [Livebrary](#) or with [Hoopla](#), and visit our library to check out our [Playaways and Wonderbooks](#).

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