Prompting Guide

Use the following prompts to guide your conference. Choose the prompts that will best help you understand this reader's interests and preferences.

GENERAL PREFERENCES

- **What makes this book a yes/no/maybe?** (This is the most important question of the conference. Ask this for each book the child picks up.)

- **Would you be interested in this type of book if it were on a different topic** (e.g., a how-to book about cool experiments instead of nail art)**?**

- **Are you interested in reading more about this topic if we can find books with** _____ (fewer words on the page, more illustrations, etc.)**?**

NAVIGATION

- **Do you like to read books like this that** _____ (you can dip into and out of in any order, you read from start to finish, you choose the path the story takes, etc.)**?**

TEXT

- **You seem to gravitate towards books that** _____ (have larger fonts, have shorter chapters, lots of white space, etc.)**. Is that something that is important to you?**

- **Would you rather read a book like this** [pick a book from the stack] **with** _____ (lots of words on each page) **or one like this** [pick a book from the stack] **with** _____ (only a few words on each page)**? Take a second to look through these books to help you decide.**

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

- **Do you prefer a book like this that is thick and hardcover or like this one which is thin and softcover?**

- **Is it important to you to have books that look like the ones other kids are reading?**

ILLUSTRATIONS

- **This book in your yes pile has lots of color illustrations. Is that something you like?**

- **It seems you've picked a lot of books without illustrations. Is that something that is important to you as a reader?**

FORMATS

- **You put this book in the yes pile. Are you interested in other books that look like that one** (e.g., more magazines, how-to books)**?**

- **You put this book in the no pile. Would you be interested in that type of book but on a different topic** _____ (e.g., a realistic fiction graphic novel rather than a sci-fi graphic novel)**?**

- **I notice that you put a lot of** _____ (adventure graphic novels) **in your yes pile. Would you be interested in reading a similar story but in a different format** (e.g., an action-packed novel)**?**

GENRES

- **You seem to have picked a lot of** _____ (fiction) **books. Do you generally prefer this genre?**

- **Are there any genres you don't have a lot of experience with but want to try?**

TOPICS

- **Is there anything you are really curious about?**

- **Is there anything you know a lot about already but want to learn more about?**

- **What are your favorite TV shows, cartoons, movies, musicians, etc.? Would you like to read books related to any of those?**