

I STRIVING READERS

# LARGER PRINT. BIGGER ADVANTAGES.





# BOOST READERS' CONFIDENCE AND ENGAGEMENT WITH LARGE PRINT

**Reading does not come naturally or easily to a striving reader**, which the field defines as a young reader who is not reading at an age appropriate grade level. It may be that they want to read but find it difficult or frustrating; they may deprioritize reading for competing activities; they may have a fear of failure or lack of motivation; they could have issues with cognitive processing or a learning disability; or any combination of these factors. Large print can help middle and young adult readers obtain and develop the skills necessary to become successful lifelong readers.

## WHEN IT COMES TO PRINT, SIZE REALLY DOES MATTER.

The combination of a larger font and fewer words on a page helps with:

- **DECODING**  
With fewer words per page, large print books make it easier for young readers to process information. Because they have less to visually process, readers can sound out words more effectively.
- **TRACKING**  
Larger fonts and increased spacing force the eye to move more slowly through each line.
- **FLUENCY**  
Studies confirm that students show improved fluency with large print, because the additional white space between lines slows the eye and increases the care students take to read with intention.

- **READING COMPREHENSION**

Once decoding errors are eliminated and fluency improves, students can focus on the meaning of the text. This leads to increased feelings of confidence and satisfaction with reading.

When these skills are strengthened, students once frustrated by reading, learning the English language, or struggling with developmental delays, such as ADD/ADHD or dyslexia, gain confidence to be enthusiastic, lifelong readers.

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### STUDENTS AT O'NEILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVEYED<sup>1</sup>:

**83%** HAD A POSITIVE IMPRESSION OF LARGE PRINT

**66%** SAID THEY WOULD SELF-SELECT A LARGE PRINT EDITION OVER STANDARD PRINT

## PRINT DELIVERS HIGHER COMPREHENSION

“Large print books are the missing component for accelerating literacy comprehension and reading fluency for all students, whether they are struggling, proficient, or in between,” explains Literacy and Neuroscience Researcher, Elizabeth Lowe. When it comes to intensive, long-term reading, print has an advantage; children comprehended what they read in traditional print books at much higher levels than the same material read on an iPad™<sup>2</sup>.

In addition to increasing legibility, large print can also reduce eye fatigue. A growing number of studies suggest memory and reading comprehension are better when material is consumed through print versus digital means<sup>3</sup>. Text on paper is more easily navigable; words occupy a physical space and location recall is associated with meaning cognition<sup>4</sup>.

## SUBTLE DIFFERENCES, BIG ADVANTAGES



**Similar size and weight**  
as the standard print edition.

**Produced with the same cover art** as the original edition and do not feature the words “Large Print” on the outside of the book.

### WHAT LIBRARIANS ARE SAYING ABOUT LARGE PRINT:

“Giving the students the choice on what format they would prefer reading a book in is incredibly powerful. Large print allows them to comprehend more because it is in a format accessible to them.”

**Tasha Squires**  
Middle School Librarian,  
O’Neill Middle School  
Downers Grove, IL

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Thorndike Press®  
16-point font

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“Large print books have definitely been a confidence builder. Students seem to enjoy these books better and comprehension levels have improved.”

**Sharon Bussey**  
Freedom High School  
Prince William County, VA

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CIRCULATED THE SAME  
OR BETTER THAN THE  
STANDARD PRINT VERSION  
AT GWINNETT COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY<sup>5</sup>**

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## BOOKS TO BUILD READERS' CONFIDENCE

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9781432848217	Applegate, Katherine	Wishtree	HC	\$19.99
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