

## Family Book Club

Facilitated by Erin Ross & Heather Miller

Book Club will be hosted on Zoom for Families with their Students in  
Middle School Grades 5 – 8

April 27, 2022, May 18, 2022 & June 8, 2022

7:45 PM – 8:15 PM

Register Here at No Cost: <https://bit.ly/36OM0FC>

Zoom Links will be sent out after registration

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### **DESCRIPTION:**

Infinitec is hosting its first virtual book club for Middle School age students that use AAC and their families. The purpose of the book club is for families to learn strategies to interact and elicit communication with their child through a shared reading activity. AAC users will also have the opportunity to engage in discussions about the book! This is a great opportunity to meet new people and engage in reading in a fun, social setting!

### **Learner Outcomes:**

1. Families will learn strategies to encourage communication, connect content of the book to the personal knowledge and experience of their child in a fun way!
2. AAC users will build upon their expressive and receptive communication skills.
3. AAC users will develop comprehension of the book and maximize their thinking through discussions.
4. AAC users will become more confident readers and communicators.

### **About the Facilitators:**

**Erin Ross** is currently the Assistive Technology Facilitator for Glenview School District 34. She has been in the field of Assistive Technology for five years. Prior to being an AT Facilitator, she was a special education teacher for students with autism. On the side, Erin runs a nonprofit called Home Sweet Home Foundation. She is aspiring to start an AAC Camp in the Summer of 2023!



**Heather Miller Schwarz, MS, CCC-SLP** is a Speech-Language Pathologist with over 20 years of experience working with individuals with complex communication needs. Currently, she is an Assistive Technology Lead for Collaborations and Trainings at Infinitec where she collaborates with IEP teams to provide augmentative and alternative communication support through student assessment and communication partner training and coaching. Heather has presented at local conferences in Illinois in addition to Closing the Gap and the Illinois Speech Hearing and Language Association Conferences. Her areas of interest continue to include pediatric speech-language disorders and assistive technology for individuals of all ages and abilities.

