

Event Ideas

Choose an idea from LitWorld's suggestions below to celebrate World Read Aloud Day in your home, classroom, office or community. Use the worksheets in this packet or come up with your own inspiring plan! All of the activities below can be adjusted for different age groups and space requirements.

1. Read Aloud with a special guest.

Invite a special guest to do a read aloud. Your guest can be a local author, a community leader, a teacher, or anyone else you would like to invite. If you would like to set up a classroom Skype session with an author, visit litworld.org/wrad and look for Skype in the Classroom or check out author Kate Messner's blog to set up a virtual read-aloud.

2. Launch a Pop-Up Poetry or Storytelling Café.

Gather your group for snacks and storytelling by inviting everyone to read their own writing or a favorite poem or short story to the audience. You can tailor this activity by adding a theme such as one of the 7 Strengths.

3. Create a Story in the Round.

Sit in a circle and make a group story by having each person add a sentence one at a time as you go around the circle. The sillier the better! You can come up with a theme or a description of the key characters at the beginning to get everyone's ideas flowing. For younger children, modify the activity by adding one word each. For any child-parent groups, have one set make the story and the other act it out in the center of the circle.

4. Start a Dialogue

Begin by reading a book aloud and asking open-ended questions. (Use our Read Aloud Guide for pointers). Continue the conversation with questions such as *What is your favorite read aloud memory? What do you like most about read alouds? If you met someone who had never read a book and could choose one book to share with them, which book would it be? Why?*