Celebrate World Read Aloud Day with your Community

Reading aloud is a powerful way to build community and there is no better time to do it than World Read Aloud Day! On February 1st, advocate literacy as a human right with millions of people around the world by reading aloud with your community.

Create a Pop-Up Storytelling Cafe
Invite members of the community to share stories that are important to them, whether they be tales passed down through their families, or excerpts from special books that are important to them. Provide snacks and create an atmosphere that encourages supportive and celebratory sharing. Extend the invitation to local writers and special author guests!

Dispatch World Read Aloud Day “readers” to local community spaces
Find a local school, community center or retirement home in need of readers for World Read Aloud Day! Organize a team of volunteers, young and old, who can visit those spaces and read aloud.

Organize a book drive and community read aloud practice
Collect books in the weeks leading up to World Read Aloud Day and then host an read aloud and ‘book fair’ event where families come listen to stories and take home or borrow donated books. Invite local companies, organizations and institutions to contribute books and other resources to help families build home libraries. Provide a fun read aloud training for participants so they are able to see and model reading aloud with expression, and practice at home!

How to do a powerful read aloud

- Read the book beforehand to familiarize yourself with the story.
- Be animated! Read with expression to match the characters’ emotions in the story.
- Ask questions out loud as you read to keep the audience engaged and thinking about the reading.
- Try incorporating some theater into your read aloud! Act out events in the story, or have helpers or listeners act it out.

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