

What is World Read Aloud Day?

World Read Aloud Day was founded by LitWorld in 2010 as an opportunity for people all over the world to

celebrate the joy of reading aloud, and to advocate for literacy as a foundational human right belonging to everyone!



Who Is LitWorld?

LitWorld is an international non-profit that strengthens kids and communities through the power of stories.



LitWorld partners with organizations and institutions around the world to make safe spaces for reading, writing, and self expression available to everyone!



What's the big deal about the Read Aloud?

Reading Aloud Impacts **Every** Aspect of Literacy

Reading

Writing

Viewing

Speaking



Listening

Studies show...

Daily reading aloud to children puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read alouds regardless of income, education level or cultural background.

- *University of Melbourne*

Reading aloud is the best way to help children develop word mastery and grammatical understanding, which form the basis for learning how to read. Picture books are two to three times as likely as parent-child conversations to include a word that isn't among the 5,000 most common English words.

- *University of California*

Reading aloud *is*
important! How can I
celebrate it **EVERY**
day?

Use the LitWorld 7 Strengths to make reading aloud a *regular* part of your routine.

“The 7 Strengths model connects reading to the inner life of the child, providing a full toolkit for learning to read and reading to learn. The child has to know how reading connects to his deepest experience as a human being.”

- Every Child a Super Reader



The LitWorld 7 Strengths are:

Belonging
Curiosity
Friendship
Kindness
Confidence
Courage
Hope



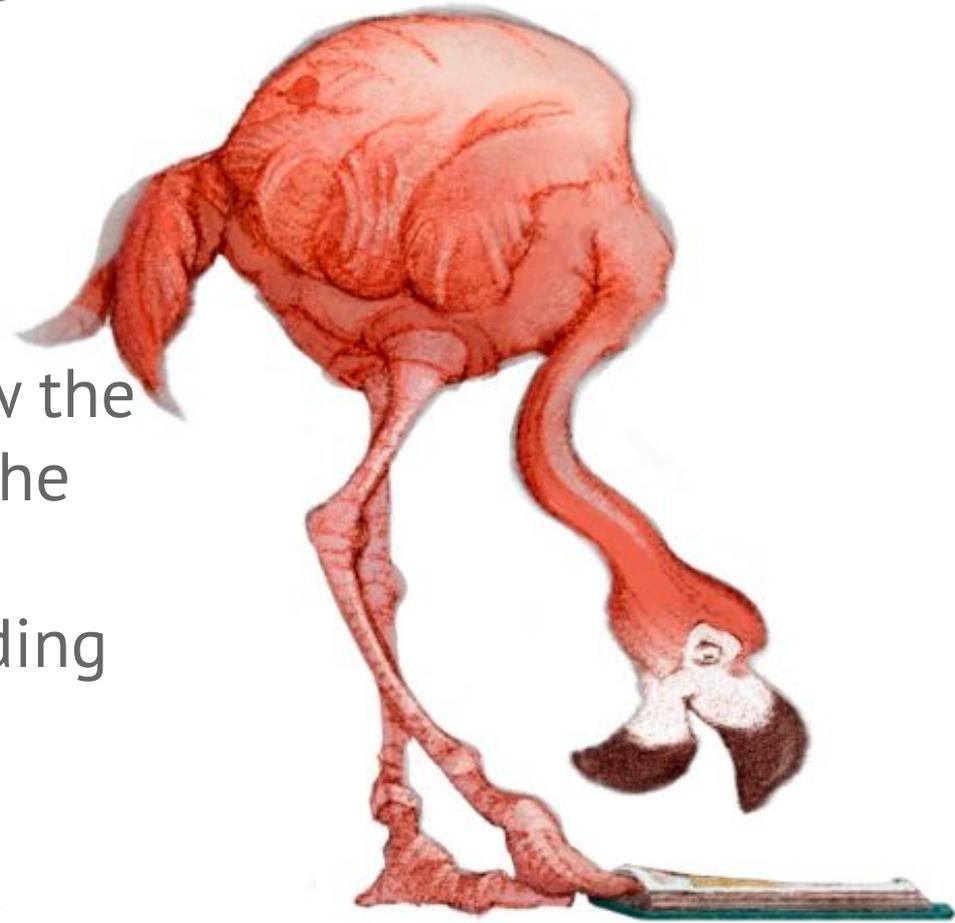
How to build **Belonging** with the Read Aloud:

- Cultivate diverse libraries with relatable characters
- Allow listeners to give input on what they'd like to read
- Use the texts you read aloud as mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors to explore ourselves and the world



How to promote **Curiosity** with the Read Aloud

- Think aloud as you read, to affirm that curiosity is acceptable at any age
- Read aloud both informational texts and fictional texts to show how the new information fits into the real world
- Connect what you are reading aloud with personal curiosities, worldviews, perspectives and thoughts



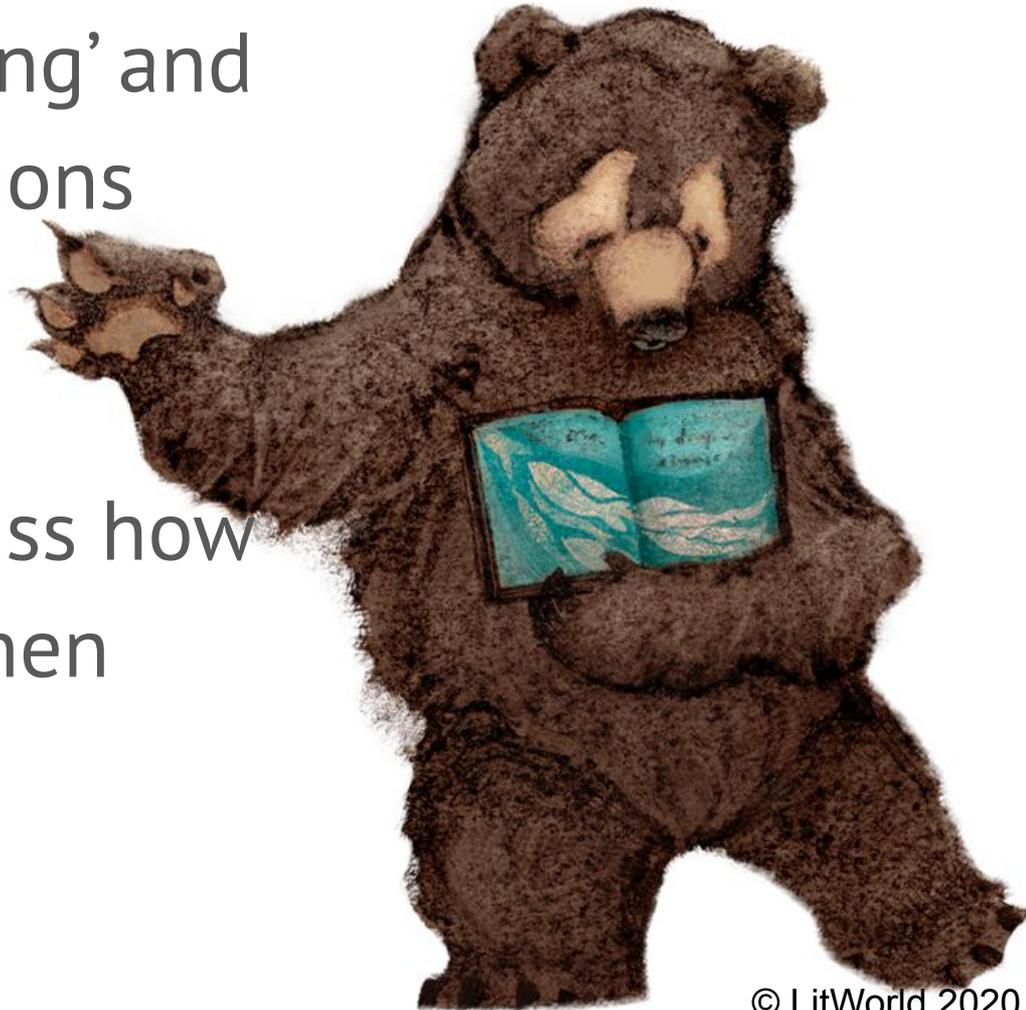
How to encourage **Friendship** with the Read Aloud

- Read books featuring both successful and imperfect relationships
- Provide opportunities for children to read together
- Make room for discussions about the Read Aloud that may forge new connections



How to celebrate **Kindness** with the Read Aloud

- Model 'close listening' and respecting all opinions
- Read stories about *choosing* to be kind
- Allow time to discuss how you would react when situations that test kindness come up



How to spur **Confidence** with the Read Aloud

- Read texts at a variety of levels
- Practice read alouds and performances to help students improve diction and expression
- Switch up who gets to read aloud! Provide an encouraging and respectful audience for *all* readers.



How to explore **Courage** with the Read Aloud

- Read articles or biographies about courageous people
- Discuss personal experiences with listeners: *When were they courageous? When was a time when they wish they had courage, but did not?*
- Highlight big and small acts of courage. Remember that courage isn't always flashy!



How to inspire **Hope** with the Read Aloud

- Set ambitious but achievable reading goals
- read an inspiring story and lead a discussion about aspirations
- Read your own stories!
Use the read aloud as a platform for putting your hopes into the world.



**That's great! How can
I celebrate reading
aloud *on* World Read
Aloud Day?**

How to Celebrate WRAD at School

- Drop Everything and Read Aloud
- Host a day long Read-a-thon in a special place
- Visit litworld.org for more ideas!



How to celebrate WRAD at home

- Host a Read Aloud Night for family and friends
- Become a volunteer reader for the day at your school or in your community
- Visit litworld.org for more ideas



How to celebrate WRAD at work



- Begin a meeting with a read aloud of a favorite book
- Fundraise to make sure that literacy is available to everyone!
- Go to www.litworld.org for more ideas

How to celebrate WRAD online

Help us build the movement of World Read Aloud Day by sharing your participation, ideas, and pictures from the day with [#WorldReadAloudDay](https://twitter.com/WorldReadAloudDay)

Tag us!



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Make and Wear Reading Crowns

Paper bag reading crowns help illustrate what is going on inside your head as you read- symbolically making the largely invisible act of reading visible!

get instructions at
litworld.org





Register at

www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday

to join the movement!

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