

# World Read Aloud Day

## 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! Advocate for 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 are tales passed down through their families, or excerpts from their favorite books. 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 a 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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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at School

LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) in 2010 because reading aloud is a powerful and transformative act. Every February, schools around the world celebrate WRAD in creative and exciting ways. Join the movement with your students and make sure to read aloud on World Read Aloud Day!

### Drop Everything and Read Aloud

Designate a time at which everyone in your building drops everything else they are doing to hear a read aloud! Decide upon your read aloud texts in advance and make sure that each teacher in each classroom has a text on hand.

### Host a Read-A-Thon

Designate a corner of your school or classroom as a 'read aloud space'. Make sure there are lots of books available ↔ and schedule a variety of readers to take center stage throughout the day. Allow volunteer readers to sign up in the weeks leading up to World Read Aloud Day to create excitement and anticipation!

### Host a Special WRAD Assembly

World Read Aloud Day is a great time for a fun, school-wide event! WRAD assemblies often include fun performances by both children and adults, like story readings or character costume shows!

### Who should read aloud?

#### 1. School Staff and Leadership

Invite members of your entire school community to read aloud on WRAD, from the principal to the custodial staff!

#### 2. Community Leaders and Special Guests

Invite community leaders and parents to join the WRAD celebrations at your school.

#### 3. Kids

Have older kids read to younger kids, younger kids read to older kids, and peers read to each other!

#### 4. Authors

Sites like Skype in the Classroom make it easy to invite published authors to join your WRAD celebrations! Don't forget to reach out to local authors as well!

### What should you read aloud?

#### Subject-specific Texts and Articles

Reading aloud can be both non-fiction and fiction! Reading content specific or scientific articles can be both educational and engaging.

#### Amazing Picture Books

No matter the age, picture books activate our imaginations and relax our brains. Let kids' minds escape the classroom and become immersed in a picture book!

#### Writing done by individuals within your community

WRAD is a great day to showcase the talents of the writers right in your community! Have kids read their own short stories or poems aloud for an audience!



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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at Home

Reading aloud to children supports language development, cultivates a love of reading, and strengthens relationship development skills. LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) to encourage people to celebrate and embrace the many benefits of reading aloud. Join us by celebrating World Read Aloud Day at home!



### Host a Read Aloud Night with family and friends

Invite family and friends over and read your favorite books aloud together! Discuss the stories and share old and new favorites with one another.

### Post pictures reading your favorite books online

Join our discussion online by posting pictures of your favorite read aloud texts and the places and spaces you like to read

aloud using #WorldReadAloudDay !

### *Tips for reading aloud at home:*

- ❖ Make a list of your child's favorite stories and read them often!
- ❖ Ask questions to your child about the story. For example:
  - *What happened in the beginning / middle / end of the story?*
  - *What was your favourite part of the story?*
- ❖ Act out stories as you read or listen to books on tape! Find creative ways to enjoy stories together as a family.
- ❖ Remove distractions in the space to help your audience stay engaged.
- ❖ Choose a 'reading space' in your home where you and your child can relax and read together.

### Become a volunteer reader

Read aloud at a school, community center, or retirement home in your neighborhood. Collaborate with others to organize a reading event for your community that brings everyone together to celebrate the power of reading!

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### *What should you read aloud?*

#### **Favorite books and stories**

What books did you enjoy when you were a child?  
What books do your family members like to read?

#### **Writing done by family members**

Does anyone in your family write stories or poems?  
WRAD is a great day to share your personal work.

#### **Newspapers and Magazines**

Expose older children to different styles of writing with a newspaper or magazine article.

#### **Anything and everything!**

Words are all around us! You can celebrate the power of literacy by challenging your family member to read aloud whatever they get their hands on! Think food labels, recipe books, appliances... anything is an opportunity for expanding vocabulary!

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## Celebrate World Read Aloud Day at Work

Reading aloud is a powerful and transformative act that isn't just for kids! Not only is reading aloud a great way for people at any age to relax their brains, but it also builds community and connects people. Join LitWorld in celebrating literacy for all by reading aloud at work on World Read Aloud Day!



### Event Ideas

#### Read:

- ❖ Original poems or short stories written by staff
- ❖ Favorite childhood stories
- ❖ Interesting articles related to your field of work

#### Play:

- ❖ A story creation game! Coworkers sit in a circle and say a sentence one after another, to create a story together.

### Organize a workplace read aloud

Read aloud on WRAD as part of a meeting, during a lunch break, or after work hours. Plan ahead and notify staff so everyone has the chance to choose their read aloud piece.

### Host or participate in a World Read Aloud Day event happening in your community

Find a local school, community center, or retirement home in need of readers for World Read Aloud Day! Team up with your co-workers to volunteer time, resources, and whatever else you can to bring the power of the read aloud to as many people possible.

### Fundraise or donate to advocate 'literacy for all'

Organize a book drive with your co-workers. Raise money to contribute to home libraries for families at a local school. Reach out to your Corporate Social Responsibility Office and encourage them to support organizations like LitWorld that help ensure children all over the world have access to powerful literacy programs and activities.

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