


World Read Aloud Day



February 1, 2019

#WorldReadAloudDay

Read Aloud. Change the World.

Celebrate the profound power of the read aloud! For 10 years World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) has called attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience, and read aloud together.

Created by [LitWorld](#), a nonprofit that encourages self-empowerment and community change through literacy, World Read Aloud Day is now celebrated in 173 countries and counting!

WHY READING ALOUD MATTERS

Reading aloud is a highly valued best practice because it fosters language development, genre awareness, literary and informational text knowledge, social-emotional well-being, and more. To learn more about the importance of reading aloud take a look at the findings from our [Kids & Family Reading Report](#).

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Spread the word by sharing a photo or video on social media that illustrates what the read-aloud means to you. It can be a video of you reading aloud on or before February 1, a special read-aloud memory or moment, or a special book you like to read aloud.

Use **#WorldReadAloudDay** and tag:

- Twitter: @LitWorldSays, @Scholastic
- Instagram: @LitWorld, @ScholasticInc
- Facebook: @LitWorld, @Scholastic

For more information visit:

Scholastic.com/WorldReadAloudDay and LitWorld.org



RECOMMENDED READ-ALOUDS

Top picks for powerful read-alouds:

- [Acorn: Hello, Crabby](#), Johnathan Fenske
- [Dog Man #6: Brawl of the Wild](#), Dav Pilkey
- [The Parker Inheritance](#), Varian Johnson
- [The Word Collector](#), Peter H. Reynolds
- [Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series](#), Sayantani DasGupta



HOST A READ-ALOUD EVENT:

FOR EDUCATORS:

- Plan a read-aloud event in your classroom or a school-wide assembly.
- Take your class on a reading field trip with these [special stories from Classroom Magazines](#).
- Designate an area of your classroom as the official "Read Aloud Space."
- Invite parents and families into your school to read aloud to students.
- Make sure your classroom is stocked with [favorite read-aloud titles and teacher resources](#).

FOR FAMILIES:

- Host a Read Aloud Night with family and friends. Discuss the stories and share old and new favorites with one another!
- Volunteer to 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 you all together and celebrates the power of literacy!

FOR THE COMMUNITY:

- Create a pop-up Read Aloud Café by inviting members of the community to share stories that are important to them.
- Dispatch World Read Aloud Day "Readers" to local community spaces.
- Organize a book drive and community read-aloud training.



THRILLING SHORT READS

Celebrate with these [five free read-aloud resources for grades K-8](#), including stories and plays from Scholastic Classroom Magazines.

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT

Continue the celebration with Harry Potter Book Night on February 7. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.