

Here are some suggestions of things you can do/modify/adapt as a family to celebrate Family Reading Night.



The ABC's of Reading

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR FAMILY READING NIGHT EVENT

- A**rt and Books — Have students create book jackets depicting their favorite books.
- B**attle of the Books — Have students read the same book and host a “Battle of the Books” contest.
- C**ontests — Hold contests such as Read for Recess, Book Trivia, Bookmark-Making Contests and Book Bingo.
- D**raw Pictures — Ask children to draw a picture about a book you read aloud.
- E**xchange Books — Hold a book exchange where students can trade their gently-used books.
- F**ootball and Reading — Invite high school football players, cheerleaders and coaches to read to younger students. Have cheerleaders create an R-E-A-D cheer.
- G**uest Readers — Invite celebrity readers or senior citizens to read aloud to children.
- H**elp Younger Students — Encourage older students to read to younger students.
- I**nvoke Other Organizations — Invite the public library or school to collaborate on Family Reading Night activities.
- J**ournaling — Encourage families to write in journals. Writing encourages reading.
- K**ick-off Events — Feature a week of reading activities building up to Family Reading Night.
- L**ook up Authors — Look up contact information for authors at the library. Have students write letters to their favorite authors or illustrators and mail or e-mail the letters.
- M**ake a Display — Collect photos of students and families reading and display them in a prominent location.
- N**ewspaper Scavenger Hunt — Create a reading quiz using local newspapers.
- O**pen Mic Night — Sponsor a poetry slam or poetry reading for teens and young adults.
- P**ajama Party — Have families wear their pajamas, bring pillows and blankets, and read bedtime stories.
- Q**uiet Time — Provide quiet time for everyone to read silently.
- R**affles and Drawings — Offer raffles and drawings for books and other prizes.
- S**tations — Set up stations with reading-related parent and child activities.
- T**asty Treats — Have parents read a recipe to their children then cook it.
- U**nder the Stars — Host a camping-themed event. Build tents using blankets and folding chairs and read stories by flashlight under the tents.
- V**ideo Games — Encourage students to turn off the television and video games and read instead.
- W**ord Games — Play word games such as Scrabble or Boggle.
- E**xcited — Motivate and excite your students to read! Reward them with pizza parties and book-related prizes.
- Y**es — Say “Yes” to reading! Get involved in other reading programs such as Read for a Lifetime, Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award, Monarch Children’s Choice Award and the Abraham Lincoln High School Book Award.
- Z**illions — Families across the state reading **Zillions** of books!

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Thank your celebrating Family Reading Night with us.

Make the enclosed paper bag puppet then join us virtually on Thursday Nov 19th at 6:30 pm for a live reading of *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves!* The link for this is on the Family Reading Night entry on the event calendar on the library's website.

To make the puppet: 1) Color the body and head. 2) Cut out the pieces. 3) Cut out the inside of the mouth 4) Glue head to flap end of bag 5) Cut opening or slit in end of bag that is inside the mouth 6) Glue body to front of bag 7) Cut out insert pieces

All families who complete the "How Our Family Celebrated" form will be entered to win a prize. The link for this form can also be found on the Family Reading Night entry on the event calendar on the library's website.