

# World Read Aloud Day



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## #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, @scholasticCDA
- Instagram: @LitWorld, @scholasticcda
- Facebook: @LitWorld, @ScholasticCanada

For more information visit:  
[Scholastic.ca/worldreadaloudday](https://Scholastic.ca/worldreadaloudday) and [LitWorld.org](https://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 favourite 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 neighbourhood. 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.