

Happening Habitats

PA CYBER'S STORY WALK 2012

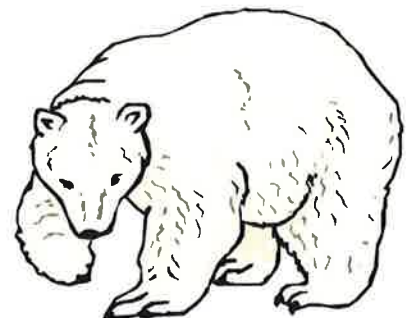


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Introduction

Thank you for attending today's event! We hope your child enjoyed listening to the stories and participating in the activities. We hope that today's event will help to instill a love of reading in your child. We have compiled this booklet as a resource to you, as a parent and a home teacher. We hope that you will find the resources and activities helpful.

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How to Encourage Your Child to Read

Adapted from How to Get Your Child to Love Reading by Esme Raji Codell

Some children love to read, and other prefer to do something else. As we know, reading is important in all aspects of life. If you have a reluctant reader, or one that loves to read, but wants to try something new, here are ways to get your child to step out of the box.

- ❖ Read out loud. You can read books aloud to your child, even if they are old enough to read on their own. Children like to hear stories being read to them at all ages. It allows them to hear the proper inflection in a readers' voice, and to let their imaginations run. Other benefits to reading aloud also include providing your child with a reading role model (you), increases a child's vocabulary, improves attention span, and lays the ground work for future academic success. Your child can also read to you so they can practice oral skills.
- ❖ Find the right kind of book for your child. Some children love fairy tales and make believe stories. Others prefer to learn about the world around them. If you have a reluctant reader, take him to the library or book store, and let him search for the book that interests him. In this resource guide, we have provided a list of some themes your child might enjoy choosing from. Finding the right book or genre is like trying on a shoe-you have to keep looking until you find the one that is the right fit.
- ❖ Be a good literary role model for your child. Have him catch you reading for pleasure, whether it's a novel, a magazine, or a newspaper. He will learn that reading is fun, and it does not have to be a chore.
- ❖ Give books or gift cards for books on birthdays or holidays. This will encourage the young readers in your life to celebrate and enjoy reading.
- ❖ Try some of these motivational starters to interest your child in reading:
 - "You can stay up as late as you want tonight, as long as you are reading."
 - "I know you like baseball; here's a book on "Hall-of-Famers."
 - "Here's a flashlight. I've made a secret place for you under the table (or in the closet/on those pillows/under the tree), so you have a special place to read!"
 - "Tell me about an interesting book you have been reading."
 - "Would you keep me company while I'm folding laundry by reading an article you think is interesting from the newspaper?"
 - "It is hard to wait. Here read this, and it will make the time pass by quickly."

We hope that some of these tips will help encourage your reluctant reader or your eager reader to read even more.

Activities to Encourage Reading

Try one of these activities to encourage your kids to read, or just to try something new!

- Set up a reading incentive program. Make a chart for your child to keep track of the books he has been reading for the week, month, or year. Set a goal for your child, and once he has reached that goal, reward him with a new book, a special dinner, or a treat!
- Have a family reading night. Choose one night a week or month, and ask each family member to share what they have been reading recently. Have each family member read an excerpt aloud.
- Make a reading competition. Have each family member record the minutes they have spent reading throughout the week. The person who has accumulated the most points at the end of the week wins a special recognition, their favorite meal, or choice of family activity.
- Write your own book. Encourage your child to write down his ideas for a story. Have him illustrate it. Then, he can read and share it with friends and family members.
- Make up stories. While traveling in the car, make up a story starter. Then, pass the story to another family member and have them continue the story. Continue through each member of the family to see what kind of wacky tale your family can create.

BEYOND BOOKS

What Is It?: An optional reading enrichment program that we hope will instill a lifetime love of reading for your child.

Where Is It?: The students will access a list of suggested pre-designated reading-level books at <http://beyondbooks.pacyber.org>

Who Is It For?: The Beyond Books program will be separated into three different reading levels: MILKY WAY GALAXY will consist of grades K4 through 1ST grade; PINWHEEL GALAXY will be 1ST grade through 2nd grade; and ANDROMEDA GALAXY will be for 3rd grade and up. These levels are just suggested guidelines. However, students will be able to choose books at or above level depending on their reading ability.

How Does It Work?: Your child simply chooses an appropriate level book to read from our suggested reading list, or he/she can read a parent- approved book. Then have your child complete the book report form found within your corresponding age galaxy and scan/email the sheet to: elementarydept@pacyber.org at the PA Cyber School.

Another great site for stories and activities is: <http://storylineonline.net>.

If the book your child chose to read is featured at the site <http://www.bookadventure.org> he/she can take the online quiz at that site instead of completing the book report form. You will need to create a username and password for your student to access this educational, safe, and user-friendly site. After your student has taken the quiz you can print out the automatically graded results and submit them to the PA Cyber School via scan/email or US mail.

Why Should I Join?: The students participating in this program will be awarded points for the number/level of books they read. After students receive a certain number of points, they will receive prizes and certificates based on their efforts.

The prizes will consist of items such as bookmarks, pencils, T-shirts, etc...



BEYOND BOOKS



Thank you for your participation in our reading program. We are excited for you to have as many literature adventures as possible.

Keep up the great reading!

Alpha---5pts(1st prize)
30 pts(second prize)
50 pts(third prize)

Delta---15 pts(1st prize)
50pts(2nd prize)
100pts(3rd prize)

Omega—25pts(1st prize)
100pts(2nd prize)
175pts(3rd prize)

(In Omega, the points double for pages read)

For Example:

200pgs=2pts 300pgs=6pts
400pgs=8pts 500pgs=10pts

First Prize



Second Prize



Third Prize



Themed Book Lists

FALL:

Fall into a good book!

Autumn Leaves by Gail Saunders-Smith

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves! By Lucille Colandro

Fall Leaves Fall! by Zoe Hall

Clifford's First Autumn by Norman Bridwell

Fall Leaf Project by Margaret McNamara

The Fall Festival by Mercer Mayer

Let It Fall by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Who Loves the Fall? by Bob Raczka

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? By Jane Yolen

If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff

My Pumpkin by Julia Noonan

From Seed to Pumpkin by Wendy Pfeffer

Apples by Gail Gibbons

The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill



Winter:

Skate into a reading adventure during the cold winter season!

Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner

Togo by Robert J. Blake

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs

Winter by Steven Schnur

Substitute Groundhog by Pat Miller

Groundhog Gets a Say by Pamela C. Swallow

I Love Snow! by Hans Wilhelm

Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport

Duke Ellington by Andrea Davis Pinkney



Seven Candles for Kwanzaa by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Latkes and Applesauce by Fran Manushkin
I Like You by Sandol Stoddard Warburg

Spring:

After a long, cold winter season, these spring stories will warm you up!

It's Spring by Linda Glaser
Poppleton in Spring by Cynthia Rylant
How Do You Know It's Spring? by Marty Kelley
Wake Me In Spring! by James Preller
Hopper Hunts for Spring by Marcus Pfister
Splish, Splash, Spring by Jan Carr
Fluffy's Spring Vacation by Kate McMullan
Alpha Bugs: A Pop-up Alphabet by David A. Carter



I Love Our Earth by Bill Martin Jr.
Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Mama's Day by Linda Ashman
I Love My Mama by Peter Kavanagh
I Like Noisy Mom Likes Quiet: A Mother's Day Story by Eileen Spinelli



Summer:

Beat the summer heat and swim into a great book!

Toasting Marshmallows by Kristine O'Connell George
How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague
A Perfect Father's Day by Eve Bunting
Just Me and My Dad (Look-Look) by Mercer Mayer
An American Hero by Joanne Green
Memorial Day by Robin Nelson



I Am Patriotic by Sarah L. Schuette

I Am America by Charles R. Smith

America the Beautiful by Katherine Lee Bates

The Pledge of Allegiance (Patriotic Symbols) by Nancy Harris

Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling

Freedom Summer by Deborah Wiles

Casey at the Bat by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

Home Run by Robert Burleigh

Habitats:

Tigers in Terai (Adventures of Riley) by Amanda Lumry

Ocean Life (Scholastic Science Readers Level 2) by Brenda Z. Guiberson

A House for Hermit Crab by Eric Carle

Over in the Ocean, In a Coral Reef by Marianne Berkes

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

The Best Book of Whales and Dolphins by Christiane Gunzi

Incredible Owls by Justin McCory Martin

Lions and Tigers and Leopards (National Geographic Society) by Jennifer C. Urquhart

Seals! by Ellen Catala

Our Earth by Anne F. Rockwell

Forest Explorer by Nic Bishop

Eliza and the Dragonfly by Susie Caldwell Rinehart

Octopus Under the Sea by Connie Roop

Wonderful Nature, Wonderful You by Karin Ireland

Where the Wisdom Lies: A Message from Nature's

Small Creatures by Hope Ives Mauran

Whole World by Fred Penner



Rainforests:

Rosa Raposa by Isabel Campoy

Stop That Noise! By Paul Geraghty

Bitter Bananas by Isaac Olaleye

A Rainforest Habitat by Molly Aloian

The Rainforest Grew All Around by Susan K. Mitchell

Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme by Marianne Berkes

Tropical Rainforests by Seymour Simon

We're Roaming in the Rainforest: An Amazon Adventure by Laurie Krebs

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by Lynne Cherry

Who Lives in the Rainforest? By Mary Reid

The Forever Forest: Kids Save a Tropical Treasure by Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini

Deserts:

Deserts by Gail Gibbons

A Desert Habitat (Introducing Habitats) by Kelley MacAulay

Why Oh Why Are Deserts Dry?: All About Deserts by Tish Rabe

Creatures of the Desert World by Barbara Gibson

One Hundred One Questions About Desert Life by Alice Jablonsky

Way Out in the Desert by Jennifer Ward

Tundra:

Explore the Tundra (Explore the Biomes series) by Linda Tagliaferro

A Walk in the Tundra (Biomes of North America) by Rebecca L. Johnson

Arctic Tundra (Habitats) by Michael H. Forman

One Day in the Alpine Tundra by Jean Craighead George

Arctic Tundra by Michael H. Forman

Polar Bears by Susan Canizares

PRAIRIE:

If You're Not From The Prairie by David Bouchard

A Walk in the Prairie (Biomes of North America) by Rebecca L. Johnson

Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President by Shirley-Raye Redmond

Prairie School (I Can Read Book 4) by Avi and Bill Farnsworth

One Day in the Prairie by Jean Craighead George

PLAINS/GRASSLANDS:

Plains by Sheila Anderson

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema

Thunder on the Plains: The Story of the American Buffalo by Ken Robbins

Explore the Grasslands (Explore the Biomes series) by Kay Jackson

A Grassland Habitat (Introducing Habitats) by Kelley MacAulay

Grasslands (True Books: Earth Science) by Darlene R. Stille

Grasslands (About Habitats) by Cathryn Sill and John Sill

Animal Babies in Grasslands by Jennifer Schofield

NEA List of 100 Best Books

In 2008, the National Education Association compiled a list of recommended books for children of all ages. Enjoy!

Books for All Ages

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
Where the Sidewalk Ends: the Poems and Drawing of Shel Silverstein by Shel Silverstein
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Books for Preschoolers -

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by Bill Martin, Jr.
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
Corduroy by Don Freeman
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise
Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

Books for Children Ages 4-8 -

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Love You Forever by Robert N. Munsch
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
The Mitten by Jan Brett
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss
Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault
The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg

Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
Are You My Mother? by Philip D. Eastman
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
Basil of Baker Street by Eve Titus
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Arthur series by Marc Tolon Brown
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
The Art Lesson by Tomie De Paola
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
The Paper Bag Princess by Robert N. Munsch

Books for Children Ages 9-12 -

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
The BFG by Roald Dahl
The Giver by Lois Lowry
James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story by Roald Dahl
Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
Matilda by Roald Dahl
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Stuart Little by E. B. White
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

Books for Young Adults -

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
The Cay by Theodore Taylor
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Language Arts Resources

http://www.kidzone.ws/prek_wrksht/dynamic.htm Fine motor skill and pre-printing tracing and drawing worksheet practice.

http://www.kidzone.ws/prek_wrksht/learning-letters/index.htm Letter sound practice with printable worksheets for practicing the sound with picture words and also printing practice.

www.havefunteaching.com. This site has great alphabet songs (which the videos for are on youtube) There are also activities and worksheets.

<http://www.kidzone.ws/kindergarten/abc/index.htm> Alphabet recognition games.

<http://www.bemboszoo.com> A fun animal alphabet site.

<http://www.abclearningtime.com/abcsj.htm>- Learning to print your ABC's on handwriting guide lines; simply click the letter you need help with and Kat will draw/write the letter for you. Scroll to the bottom of the page for links that feature practice with letter and sound recognition, number printing, and printable pages for extra fun.

<http://starfall.com> Is a great website for learning to read. They have all kinds of themed activities for each developmental stage of reading. I highly recommend this to all students!

<http://www.mymoondrops.com/info/spelling.html> - Create and print your own tracing paper with your child's name.

www.scholastic.com - Teacher, parent resources and student activities. Click on the different tabs, especially teachers for math, reading, and science games and activities.

<http://pbskids.com> - Fun interactive website with a variety of fun learning activities. Has many fun animated characters including Clifford. There is also a coloring and music tab.

<http://www.handwritingforkids.com/> - A great handwriting resource.

<http://storylineonline.net/> - books being read online

<http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet/bookzone.htm> : Has stories, games, and activities students can do. Also have names of books and their authors.

<http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills-1st-langbuilders.htm> -Has activities for 1st grade language arts skills.

<http://www.spellingcity.com/> - I highly recommend this site for all 1st graders to practice their spelling lists. They put their list of words in and it uses their list to teach them the words, play games and test them.

<http://www.littleexplorers.com/DictionaryA.html> - Online dictionary

http://math-and-reading-help-for-kids.org/kids_games/hangman.html - Hangman game

<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp> - Create a word search with your spelling words.

Local Libraries

Allegheny County:

Avalon Public Library

317 South Home Street

Avalon, PA 15202

(412) 761-2288

<http://www.avalonlibrary.org/>

Northland Public Library

300 Cumberland Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

(412) 366-8100

<http://www.northlandlibrary.org/>

Andrew Bayne Memorial Library

(Bellevue)

34 N Balph Rd

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

(412) 766-7447

<http://www.baynelibrary.org/>

Robinson Township Library

1000 Church Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

(412) 787-3906

<http://www.robinsonlibrary.org/>

Andrew Carnegie Free Library

(Carnegie)

300 Beechwood Avenue

Carnegie, PA 15106

(412) 376-3456

<http://www.carnegiecarnegie.com/>

Sewickley Public Library

500 Thorn Street

Sewickley, PA 15143

(412) 741-6920

<http://sewickleylibrary.org/>

Sto-Rox Library

500 Charters Avenue

McKees Rocks, PA 15136

(412) 771-1222

<http://www.storoxlibrary.org/>

Coraopolis Memorial Library

601 School Street

Coraopolis, PA 15108

(412) 264-6502

<http://www.coraopolislibrary.org/>

Crafton Public Library

140 Bradford Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

(412) 922-6877

<http://www.craftonlibrary.org/ein/>

Moon Township Public Library

1700 Beaver Grade Road, Suite 100

Moon Township, PA 15108

(412) 269-0334

<http://www.moonlibrary.org/>

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Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Sheraden Branch

720 Sherwood Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15204

(412) 331-1135

<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/>

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Mt. Washington

315 Grandview Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA

(412) 381-3380

<http://www.clpgh.org/>

Beaver County:

www.beaverlibraries.org

BF Jones Memorial Library

663 Franklin Avenue

Aliquippa, PA 15001

(724) 375-2900

Laughlin Memorial Library

99 Eleventh Street

Ambridge, PA 15003

(724) 266-3857

Baden Memorial Library

385 State Street

Baden, PA 15005

(724) 869-3960

Beaver Area Memorial Library

100 College Avenue

Beaver, PA 15009

(724) 775-1132

Carnegie Free Library

1301 Seventh Avenue

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

(724) 846-4340

Chippewa Library Information

2811 Darlington Road

Beaver Falls, PA 15010

(724) 847-1450

Carnegie Library, Midland

61 Ninth Street

Midland, PA 15059

Monaca Public Library

609 Pennsylvania Avenue

Monaca, PA 15061

(724) 643-8985

New Brighton Public Library

1021 Third Avenue
New Brighton, PA 15066
(724) 846-7991

(724) 775-9608

Rochester Public Library

252 Adams Street
Rochester, PA 15074
(724) 774-9158

Beaver County Bookmobile

Visit website

<http://www.beaverlibraries.org/bookmobile.htm>

Greensburg:

Greensburg Hempfield Area Library

237 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Greensburg, PA 15601
(724) 837-5620

<http://www.ghal.org/>

Jeannette Public Library

500 Magee Avenue
Jeannette, PA 15644
(724) 523-5702

<http://www.jeannettepubliclibrary.com/>

Manor Public Library

44 Main Street
Manor, PA 15665
(724) 864-6850

<http://www.manorpubliclibrary.org/>

Adams Memorial Library

Ligonier St.
Latrobe, PA 15650
(724) 539-1972

<http://www.adamslib.org/>

Norwin Public Library

100 Caruthers Lane
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-4700

<http://www.norwinpubliclibrary.net/>

Mount Pleasant Public Library

120 South Church Street
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666
(724) 547-0324