



# FIND YOUR SPARK

## 2023 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Readers of all ages can join in the fun of Children's Book Week with this year's challenge.

The 2023 theme, Read Books. Spark Change. encourages you to think about books as a spark for positive change. This change can take place inside yourself and/or within your community (ex: your family unit, your classroom, school, neighborhood, town, city).

### HOW IT WORKS.

- Follow the steps to find your newest spark or dive deeper into something you already love, a thing that inspires you.

# CHALLENGE



# STEP 1: HUNT

Use this Scavenger Hunt to find books that inspire, entertain, and inform. Browsing and talking are amazing ways to discover new books and the spark they can bring.

Take a trip to several places or shelves where lots of books live—your public library, school library, bookstore, home—or talk to friends and family for recommendations. Use the checklist below to find at least five different books.

- A book about an invention
- A book about exploring a new place
- A book about making something with your hands
- A book with recipes
- A book about a real life person
- A book about a character who makes a difference
- A book where a character gets a bright idea
- A book about the future
- A book featuring a team that works together
- A book about your favorite talent or ability
- A book with an interesting cover which made you want to read it
- A book with different perspectives (from different characters or times, for example)
- A book that tells of a change in the past which has made our lives better today
- A book about \_\_\_\_\_ (your choice)

Collect a book (or title of a book) for as many of these as you would like and then pick the one(s) you want to read! Don't forget to put the other books back where they belong!

Did you find at least 5 books? [Share your list of books with us and get a special certificate and message!](#)





# STEP 2: READ

What is the absolute best way to celebrate Children's Book Week? To read of course! Pick one or more of the books from your scavenger hunt or reread an old favorite. What does it spark for you? What does it inspire? Use these questions to figure it out!

## FIND YOUR SPARK: BOOK Q&A

- What book did you read? Who wrote or illustrated the book?
- If you had to pick one thing about the book to tell someone else, what would you tell them?
- Who was your favorite character in the book?
- What thing did the character do that made them your favorite?
- What talent or ability did one of the characters have that you can identify with? What was a talent or ability you wish you had?
- Is there an action the character(s) take that inspired you to do something similar?
- Did the story show you something new that you had never thought or heard about before?
- Did the cover art of the book inspire you in a particular way?





# STEP 3: MAKE

## CREATE YOUR SPARK

Take the spark you found and turn it into something you can share. Did you discover a few different sparks in the books you read? Think of ways to connect them.

For example, if I read a book about trucks, one about plants, and a third about superheroes. I could find that my spark is to be a superhero in my neighborhood by helping plant small gardens and using a small toy truck as a tool to accomplish this. Or, I could also find my spark by asking adults to help me petition for more gardens in my town or city where trucks can help bring soil to empty lots and create community gardens so I can be a green superhero.

Other ideas on how to put your spark into action:

- Tell a friend, make a plan for change together
- Write a poem, this can inspire others into action
- Ask an adult to help you with a petition to help spread your message of change
- Create a poster to raise awareness for your spark or idea
- Create a video to share with family and friends

## SHARE YOUR SPARK!

