

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK



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Children's Book Week 2024 Participation Doc: No Rules. Just Read.

Celebrate Children's Book Week with your community May 6-12, 2024. You can utilize your regularly scheduled programs with young readers to celebrate or plan something special.

The Children's Book Week 2024 Slogan is **No Rules. Just Read.**

Try some of these ideas!

FOR ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS

For already established programs like weekly storytimes and kids' book groups:

- Print and give [bookmarks and activity pages](#) to attendees of your weekly events.
- Read a book by Sophie Blackall and show everyone the [poster](#).
- Talk about what Children's Book Week is and encourage kids to read during the week to celebrate.
- Tell people about CLUB NO RULES JUST READ. [You can print off this flier about it.](#)
- Set up a big piece of craft paper and ask patrons to write down or draw a way they break "reading rules." (Ex.: reading in an unusual place, skipping to the end to see what happens, starting a new book before they have finished one, reading out loud to a pet, etc.)

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK-SPECIFIC EVENTS

- Invite a community leader or someone well-known in your area to host a special storytime (think fire department, everyone's favorite crosswalk attendant, etc).
- Host a special event like a scavenger hunt, pj party, trivia night, etc. just for Book Week.
- Print and offer our free resources. Take lots of pictures and embrace the slogan!
- Collaborate with local businesses to offer gift cards and other small prizes to patrons who reach a goal during the week. It can be a reading log, a draw-your-own Book Week poster contest, etc.
- Have a children's book character dress-up parade.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Record fun videos of staff reading in weird places and positions.
- Ask staff what "reading rules" they break and record their confessions (ex: reading the last page first, only reading one genre, reading at sporting events, etc)
- Encourage your community to post on social media about Book Week and tag you for a chance to win a gift card or free book.

- Record 60-second book reviews.

We would love to see all the ways you celebrate. Post online and use #NoRulesJustRead.

Check out all our free promotional resources, including images, templates for newsletters, event flyers, and more.

If you are hosting a public event during the week make sure to have a listing on your website with all the details. Share the URL of that listing with us and we will include it in our “Book Week Near You” event listing page.