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100 Things

About Our Family As Readers.

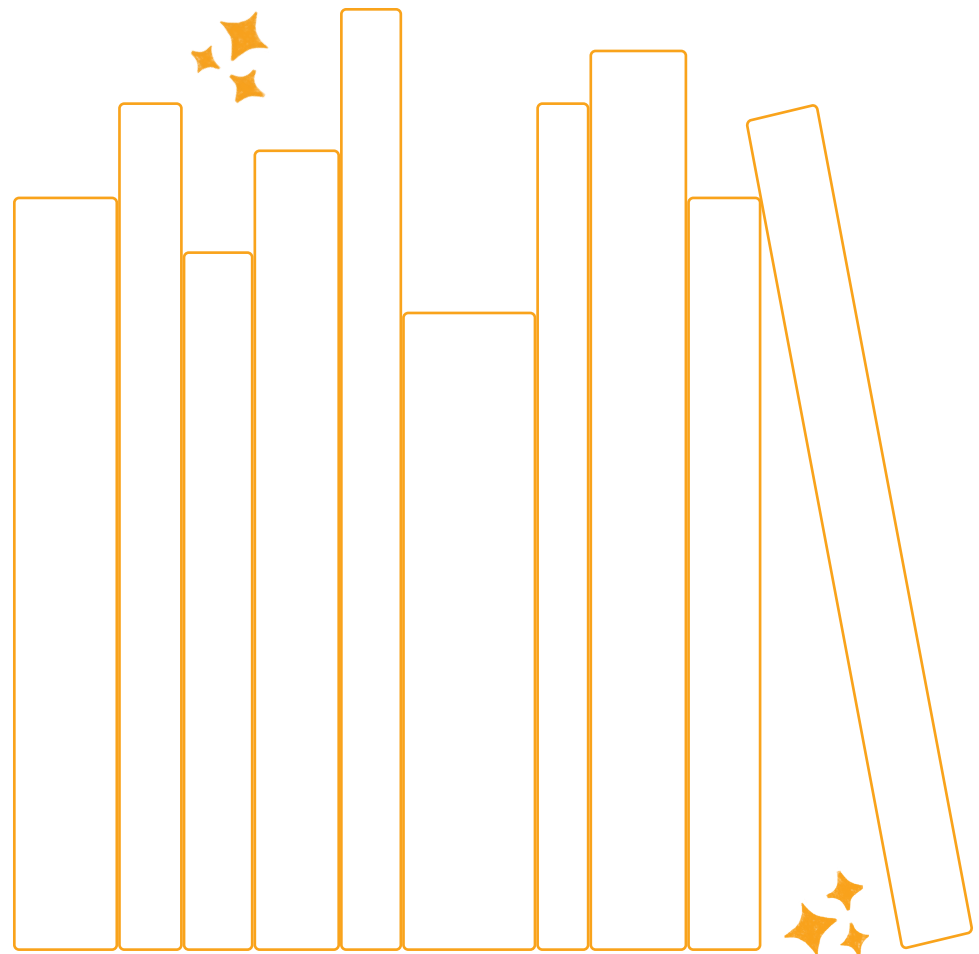


Note to Parents and Caregivers

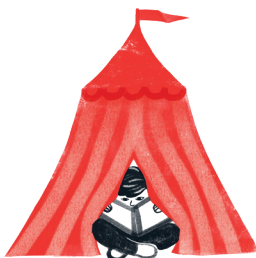
When inspiring a love of reading in your children it is important to know yourself as a reader. Your reading identity will contribute significantly to your child living a reading life. Once we become a reader it is easy to take reading for granted and forget how and why we read. Talking about your reading life as a family will help children think about their own. Think about your favourite books; favourite places to read; where you like to get books; how to figure out what to read next.... Ask yourself and each other: What do you believe about reading? What do you already know about your family's reading preferences? What is your reading personality? What reading routines do you have? Check out our list of ideas and check off which ones sound like your family and then add new ones. Have every member in your family also write a list of their own. Keep adding to the list until you have discovered 100 things about reading.

Our Family 'Shelfie'

Fill in the titles of the ten books your family reads over and over again or the ones you couldn't live without.



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“We have an obligation to read aloud to children. To read them things they enjoy. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it interesting, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read themselves.” – Neil Gaiman

Some ideas to get us thinking about our family's reading life...

- ☐ We have read together as a family as long as we can remember
- ☐ We read nearly every day – and on days we don't read, we don't feel as good as when we do
- ☐ We love books that are part of a series
- ☐ Reading is our favourite (or maybe least favourite) hobby. We know it matters a lot
- ☐ Our most dependable reading time is half an hour before bed
- ☐ We have favourite places to read in our house
- ☐ We love talking together about the books we are each reading
- ☐ We abandon (quit) books we don't really like – and that's okay!
- ☐ We have more books on our TO BE READ list than we might ever be able to read
- ☐ Picture books are the best
- ☐ We love visiting the library and we go at least once a week (or month – hopefully more than once a year)
- ☐ We use bookmarks – ones we've made and bought
- ☐ We re-read over and over and over again our favourite books
- ☐ We like old classics and great new releases
- ☐ We read fiction (stories) and non-fiction (true information)

- ☐ We take books with us to doctors appointments, restaurants and on vacation
- ☐ We love reading in bed and under the covers
- ☐ Funny books make us all laugh
- ☐ We like 'real' books better than digital books on our devices
- ☐ We have over 100 books in our house
- ☐ We have stacks of books beside our beds and shelves of books in different rooms in our house
- ☐ We love exploring bookstores
- ☐ We keep track of how many books we read each year
- ☐ We read poetry together
- ☐ Read aloud time is the most important part of the day
- ☐ We are part of a book club with other families (or would love to be) so we can talk about books and be encouraged to try books we might not otherwise read
- ☐ We love mystery books because of the suspense
- ☐ The best thing about books is their smell
- ☐ We have run out of places to store books
- ☐ We donate books that we have grown out of to the littleredreading.house or we put them into Little Free Libraries
- ☐ Our family loves books with happy endings
- ☐ We know the more we read the more we will like it and the better we will get at reading

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“I still have all my childhood books. I may no longer imagine them, as I did thirty years ago, whispering companionable together at when I have gone to bed, but I love them still. They made me who I am.”
– Lucy Mangan

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“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want your children to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.” – Albert Einstein

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“Imagine an elixir so strong that a daily dose would make your family smarter, happier, healthier, more successful, and more closely attached. Now imagine that you could have it without spending a dime. It all starts with a book, a voice and a place to sit...” – Meghan Cox Gurdon

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“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents”
– Emilie Buchwald

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“Ah, how good it is to be among people who are
reading.” – Rainer Maria Rilke