How to use this playbook:
Grab a couple crayons or markers, your favorite books, a light and a basket, and let’s make a reading place! Fill this workbook with your craziest ideas and designs, and use it as inspiration for building your very own reading place at home!
The big book count

Before we start making a reading place, let’s get up and get our minds thinking about books and reading!

1. Count the number of BOOKS in your house:

2. How many of the books you counted are CHILDREN’S books?

3. How many different ROOMS in your house contain at least one book?

4. Which room in your house has the MOST books?

5. Grab some of your FAVOURITE books, and bring them with you to start onto the next page!
Reading places can have themes.

Reading places can have artwork and nature.

Reading places can be hard.

Reading places can be soft.
Draw or write about your FAVOURITE parts from your favourite books!
Write or draw in the boxes below:

**WHO** do you like to read with?

**WHAT** do you like to read?

**WHEN** do you like to read?
STOP for a creative break! We love to use colourful ribbons in our reading places. Design this reading place with your favourite colours and designs.
Reading places can be for any age

Reading places can have hidden characters

Reading places can be anywhere (this one is in a bathroom!)

Reading places can have big fun wonders!
What are we making?

A reading place is anywhere that makes reading **FUN**!

Reading places can have whatever you want in them, but they have three main **INGREDIENTS**:

1. Books
2. Book Lighting
3. Book Storage

Once you have those 3 ingredients, the **SKY IS THE LIMIT**!

Want **MORE IDEAS**? Your reading place could also include:

4. Reading seats  
   (like a sofa or a chair)
5. Words as decoration  
   (like your favourite quotes)
6. Reading tools  
   (like a book mark, or reading glasses)
7. Reading nooks  
   (like a tent or a fort)
8. Themes & characters  
   (like the Giving Tree or the Lorax)
9. Art & illustrations  
   (artwork that you or others make)
Reading places use spare materials from mom & dad

Reading places can be in laundry baskets

Reading places can be made from curtains and a hula hoop

Reading places can be in old furniture

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Go build it!
A step-by-step guide to building your own reading place.

1. Find a **PLACE**

2. **Brainstorm & SKETCH:**

3. Propose your **DESIGN** idea to your parents

4. **Get your** **INGREDIENTS**

5. **Start** **BUILDING!**

**DON’T FORGET:** the best reading places are the ones that grow and change with you! They don’t need to be perfect, and we can improve them later.
Draw a blueprint to design your dream reading place at home (this is optional).

Think about your favourite parts of your favourite books, and who, when, what and **WHERE** you like to read.
Time to observe!

Draw or write what you like & don’t like in the boxes below:

What do you like about how your reading place looks?

What do you not like about how your reading place sounds?

What do you like about how your reading place feels?

What do you not like about how your reading place smells?
Reading place checklist

Okay, so now that you’ve built a reading place, let’s check that it has the three main INGREDIENTS. Put a check-mark in the box if it has:

- Books
- Book Storage
- Book Lighting

If it has all three, you’ve made a reading place! Congratulations! Now it’s time to share it with our family!

Try reading in your reading place with a family member.

Tell someone else a story about your favourite parts of your reading place.

Brainstorm with others what else you could add to your reading place.
Show us your place

Think your reading place has it all?
Submit a photo of your reading place to hello@littleredreading.house or using the hashtag #myreadingplace and be showcased on the Calgary Reads Instagram Page!

Let others see and be inspired by your amazing creation! Plus, if you submit a photo and your workbook, you'll get a chance to win a bag of books from the Little Red Reading House!

Hey mom and dad, your kiddo may need your help with the emailing, but please don’t worry about curating the photo, your child’s creation is perfect as is!
Thank you for supporting children’s Reading Places for so long and in so many wonderful ways.