

Resources for Caregivers: Juicy Reading Activities

Want to spice up your kiddo's reading? Try these activities, games, and sites:

Play Literacy Bingo

Can you score a BINGO on [my Juicy bingo game](#)? Read in a fort; write a postcard or text message; read three jokes, then try writing one! This is an especially good summer reading challenge.

Find a Little Free Library New You

Little Free Libraries (LFLs) expand book access through volunteer-led LFLs in more than 100 countries around the world. They are "open" to all 24/7 and aim to build community and inspire readers of all ages. They're such fun because you never know what you'll find. Go to <https://littlefreelibrary.org/> and click on Map.

Bookopolis

Similar to a kids' version of Goodreads, this is a safe online space where kids can connect with other young readers about books and reading. Kids can get book ideas, rated and reviewed by kids, based on what they've liked in the past. Kids can also write reviews and share enthusiasm about titles they love (or hate!). For elementary and middle school readers.

<https://www.bookopolis.com/#/> Also check out <https://www.biblionarium.com/#tab/content-summer-picks>

Reading Rockets

Reading Rockets contains an embarrassment of riches about reading and literacy!! Check out their "Fun Stuff" page to celebrate reading and writing with things like reading tips of the day, downloadable lunch box notes, and—my favorite—quotes about reading and books. There are also links to their archived writing contests. <https://www.readingrockets.org/books/fun>

Storyline Online

Storyline Online streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Viola Davis, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones, and more. <https://storylineonline.net/library/>

Book Riot

All about books and readers. Find fun and inspiring ideas for starting a book club for kids here: <https://bookriot.com/book-club-for-kids/>

Reading is Fundamental

Includes a reading log app to help build stamina and motivation. <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central>

Games to Support Early Literacy from the RI Department of Education

Reading is not a natural process. To read, we must build the new neural routes to connect areas of our brain used to see, speak, and understand the meaning of words. There are lots of games included here; I especially love reading Twister (page 28)!

<https://media.ride.ri.gov/IAC/StructuredLiteracy/GamesToSupportEarlyLiteracySkills-Sept2020.pdf>