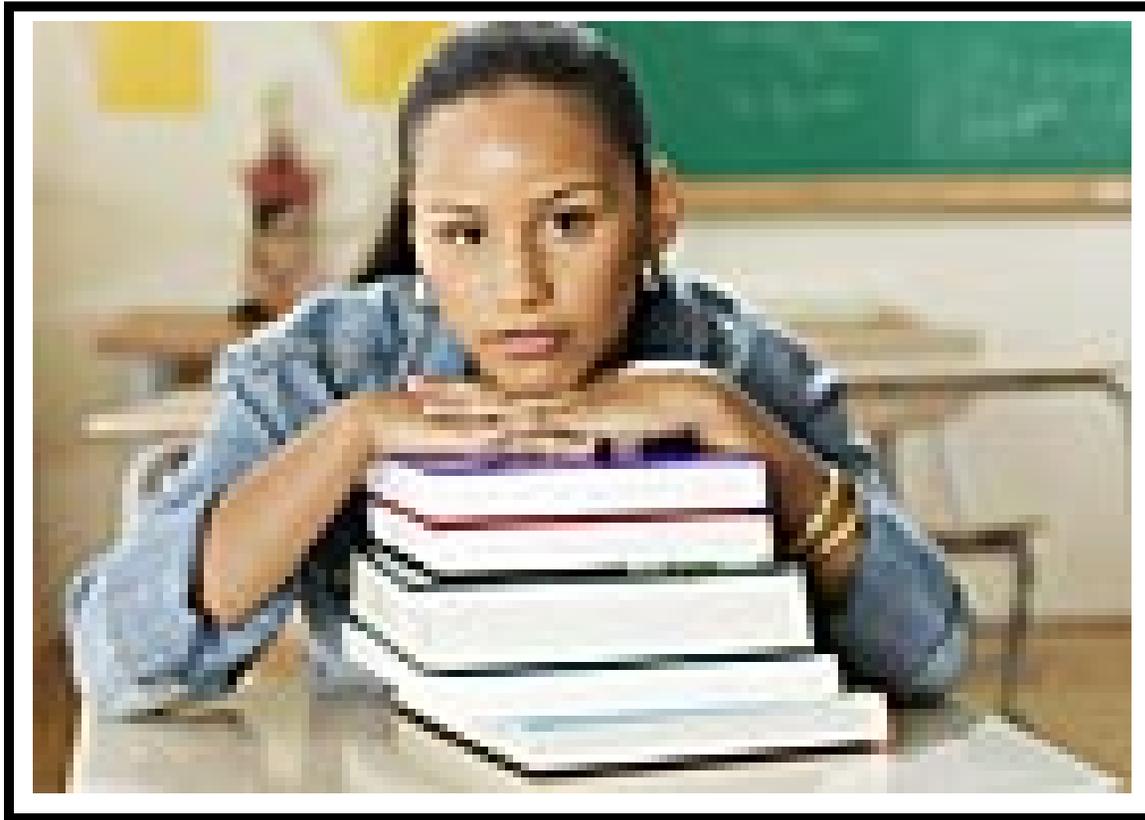


Michigan Celebrates Reading Month 2010



*Books, I found, had the power
to make time
stand still, retreat, or fly
into the future.*

~ Jim Bishop

Digital Reading Digest 2010

Find Reading Month resources for every school-aged learner!

The Capital Area District Library will feature special promotions with Impression 5 Museum; "Get Seussical" in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday; Clifford the Big Red Dog activities, and is sponsoring Ingham County's State Representatives who will be dropping in to read-aloud at many library locations. Please go to <http://www.cadl.org/news/readingmonth> to learn more.

GRANHOLM - March /s Reading Month

In this video, join Michigan's Governor in celebrating reading! Governor Granholm describes the critical importance of **reading** as a passport to future opportunities. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gziS4fXJyR4>

Web Research Guide

Consult criteria for evaluation of web sites, build on prior knowledge, and learn skills needed to do effective reading for research on the Web at: http://www.classzone.com/books/research_guide/

Reading Month Inspirational For Middle School Level

Gotta Keep Reading" video from Ocoee Middle School
<http://www.blip.tv/file/3134777/>

Michigan State Board Members Celebrate Reading Month

Members of the State Board of Education read to students on what would have been

Dr. Seuss' 106th birthday! For more go to:

<http://www.connectmidmichigan.com/news/story.aspx?id=424067>

Highlights:

- Kathleen Straus, President of the State Board of Education, says, "You just need reading for life and it makes life better."
- Elizabeth Bauer, State Board Member, says "Reading is like exploring. It's like an adventure. It's a way you can go to places you can't go physically."

Katie Couric's Notebook: Reading Habits (CBS News)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbwFN7-4JvY&NR=1>

Study emphasizes the current status of and critical importance of reading for teens.

Book Adventure- A new online reading incentive program is promoting reading for pleasure among students in a new way. Book Adventure has students selecting books they want to read based on their interests, reading the books, and *wanting* to take quizzes that measure their comprehension. Too good to be true? Not so! Immediate rewards and interactive games are just the enticement kids need to get them reading, and this program is putting them to work through the Internet.

ABC Teach- This site provides free ideas and activities: book logs, bookmarks, coloring pages, writing sheets, bar graphs and more. A great place to get materials for students for your school's reading month initiative.

Dig Deeper Into *When Readers Struggle With This Five-Part Webinar Series!*

Concerned about your neediest students? Challenged by effective differentiation of instruction? Need help with making the progress demanded by R.T.I. a reality? Need

help from the experts?

This free five-part webinar series is based on the new Pinnell & Fountas professional book, *When Readers Struggle: Teaching that Works* by Drs. Gay Su Pinnell & Irene C. Fountas.

This webinar series begins on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 3:00–4:00 p.m. PST, continuing each Wednesday for five weeks. Click the title to sign up:

<http://www.heinemann.com/PD/webinars/products/WBWSJG2.aspx>

Catch the Reading Wave- A Scholastic Book Fair Theme this year (2007). Check out my page to help you catch the reading wave with activities and resources.

Celebrate Children's Authors- This is a great list of children's authors and resources about them!

Door Decorating Ideas- Just scroll down to see some inspiring ideas to decorate your door! Can you recognize these scenes from favorite books that are decorating classroom doors in British schools?

Literacy Centers- See how to create them for your students!

<http://www.cadl.org/news/readingmonth>

NEA's Read Across America



Building a Nation of Readers

First Lady Leads the Nation in Reading

First Lady Michelle Obama joined NEA President Dennis Van Roekel and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, along with members of Congress, NEA leaders, and hundreds of local students at the Library of Congress for the national kickoff of NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, the birthday of the beloved Dr. Seuss. The Library of Congress Center for the Book is a longtime Read Across America partner, offering educators and students great resources at its new site, Read.gov. To check out photos of the event, click [here](#). You can also watch [video highlights](#).

Harry Potter is America's Favorite

J.K. Rowling's teen wizard continues to captivate America's readers according to results from NEA's Favorite Book series poll. The *Harry Potter* series outpaced its competitors, capturing one-third of the votes cast. The runners up included the *Ramona* series by Beverly Cleary, *Percy Jackson* by Rick Riordan, and *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis.

Hit the Road, Cat!

NEA's Read Across America Cat-A-Vans hit the road again, with stops in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Evansville, Indiana and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Cat-A-Vans showcase readings by NEA Executive Committee members to hundreds of students and donations to local school libraries.

It's the Cat's Meow--Millions Celebrate NEA's Read Across America Day

It's NEA's Read Across America week and more than 45 million readers across the nation have joined the nation's largest reading celebration. From book balls to pajama read-ins to week-long read-ins, the celebrations mark the thirteenth year for NEA's signature literacy event. Looking for news and ideas? Check out the Read Across America [pledge site](#) where events large and small are being posted and don't forget to post your own.

Capitol Favorites

Wonder what children's books inspired your Member of Congress? From *Green Eggs and Ham* to *The Lorax* to *Chronicles of Narnia*, here's a collection of [Congressional Favorites](#) and the reasons why your leaders love them.

From Anchorage to Kalamazoo, the Pledges We Love are Coming from You

In Georgetown, Kentucky, they're serving up *Green Eggs and Ham* at Easter

Elementary School, in Indiana, Thompkins Middle School students are "Revved up for Reading" to the tune of "Life is a Highway," while in Wisconsin, Northwest United Educators are hitting the airwaves, with readings on the radio. If you're looking for great ideas, or sharing them, join our [Facebook Fan](#) page and watch the pledges roll in.

Proud of Your Plans? Enter the 2010 Read Across America Contest

Have you created the biggest, most creative Read Across America event? Don't forget to save your photos and videos and enter the 2010 Read Across America Contest. Winners in each category receive \$250 and bragging rights for the year. [Applications](#) are due April 20 and winners will be announced June 1, 2010. Here's a list of [2009 winners](#). Send your award entry and supporting materials to NEA's Read Across America Awards, 1201 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Oh, They Think They Can Think

Looking for Seusstastic lesson plans and activities? Read Across America partners [Reading Rockets](#), [Seussville](#), [ReadWriteThink.org](#), and [a to z teachers](#) offer a terrific collection of resources. Think Read Across America is only for elementary students? Think again, [adlit.org](#) offers ideas and plans for high school and middle school.

Thank Your Readers with a Read Across America E-Card

Looking for an easy way to thank guest readers, parents, and community leaders for

joining your celebration? Send this animated Read Across America [e-card](#), created especially for NEA by our partner Reading Rockets. You'll be able to customize your invitation or use the e-card to say thank you to guest readers. Don't forget to check out the entire lineup of e-cards offered by Reading Rockets.

Join the Cause

Join our [Cause](#) page on Facebook. You'll be able to share photos, videos, and ideas, plus hear the latest news.

Send Your Video to SchoolTube

Looking for your 15 minutes of fame? SchoolTube has created a Read Across America channel designed to showcase student and educator videos from around the country. To sign up and share your videos, go to:

<http://www.schooltube.com/user/NEAreadacrossamerica>

About NEA's Read Across America

The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its thirteenth year, this year's focus is on motivating children and teens to read through events, and reading resources.



takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books - and you can too!

On March 2, the National Education Association calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult.

Clued Into Reading- This reading theme was created by Scholastic Books; get available resources include clip art, bulletin board ideas, letterhead and more.

Dolch Site Words- Site Word Soup- how to use site words in reading; check out the links on the left for more resources!

Houghton Mifflin's Kid's Place at HM- Choose your grade, and continue to have some reading fun!

March Is Reading Month Printable Chart

This chart provides a place for readers to log all of their reading. The form can be printed for classroom use.

Teachers' Mouse Pad Resources at <http://www.teachersmousepad.com/>

Click the links below for tons of resources to enhance reading all year long! Please check this page out. There are many sites you can use to go along with your reading month celebrations.

<p> <u>Art and Music</u></p>	<p> <u>Language Arts/Writing</u> Visit the <u>Alphabet Section!</u> Lots of  sites!</p>
<p> <u>Literature Links</u></p>	<p> <u>Math</u></p>
<p> <u>Poetry Place</u>-lots of new sites added!</p>	<p> <u>Reading</u></p>
<p> <u>What is Reading?</u> (Reading Strategies)</p> <p> <u>What is Active Reading</u></p> <p> <u>What is Fluency?</u></p> <p> <u>Literature Circles</u></p>	
<p> <u>Science</u></p>	<p> <u>Sites For Young Children</u></p>
<p> <u>Social Studies</u></p>	<p> <u>Virtual Fieldtrips</u></p>
<p> <u>WebQuests</u></p>	

[ProTeacher's Reading Resources](#) - This is an awesome site packed with tons of ideas! Find great teaching ideas and support here for primary reading!

Primary Reading

[A-B](#) [C-D](#) [E-F](#) [G-H](#) [I-J](#) [K-L](#) [M-N](#) [O-P](#) [Q-R](#) [S-T](#) [U-V](#) [W-X](#) [Y-Z](#)

[Emergent Literacy
Phonics/Decoding
Reading Skills](#)

[Primary Literature
Reading Programs](#)

- [Book Board](#) - Trying to prep for all those reading groups? Join us as we exchange teaching ideas, discussion questions, and related activities for the books we use! Post a book title you need ideas for! [source](#)
- [Primary Grades K-3](#) - Join us to share teaching ideas! Ask questions, help others when you can. Discover the fun and rewards of visiting with fellow teachers from across the country! Newcomers welcome! Free! [source](#)
- [ProTeacher Community](#) - Visit our growing community of elementary school teachers! Get involved today! Ask questions and share ideas with teachers nationwide. Over 30 active discussion boards. Newcomers always welcome! Free! [source](#)
- [Author Studies](#) - Author studies are a great way to expose your students to a variety of books written by the same author. Here's a collection of ideas when planning author studies to use in your classroom - [source](#)
- [Author Study - Eric Carle](#) - Here are some activities for using Eric Carle books in your classroom - [source](#)
- [Author Study - Chris Van Allsburg](#) - Ideas for an author study on children's author Chris Van Allsburg, writer of *The Polar Express* and *Jumanji* - [source](#)

Mystery Guest Readers - Mystery readers can be a fun way to get parents, grandparents, siblings, and other relatives involved in your classroom. It's also a great way to get your students excited about reading! [source](#)

- **Reader's Workshop** - Here are some ideas and tips for implementing reader's workshop in your classroom - [source](#)
- **Literacy Bags** - A collection of ideas to use when putting together literacy bags for your classroom - [source](#)
- **Book: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** - *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* is a wonderful book to use when reviewing the alphabet. In this collection, teachers also share wonderful ways to create your own Chicka tree or bulletin board in the classroom. [source](#)

Read and Write the Room - Kids LOVE to read and write the room! Many teachers let their students use creative pointers and clipboards to read and write words in the classroom, hallway, or even the whole school. In this collection, teachers share their ideas on allowing their - [source](#)

- **Book: The Kissing Hand** - Ideas to use with the book *The Kissing Hand*. Great for nervous students at the start of the year! [source](#)
- **Author Study - Dr. Seuss** - Whether you're planning activities to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2, or just looking for ways to incorporate the many wonderful stories of Dr. Seuss, here's a collection for you – [source](#)
- **Literacy Centers** - Some literacy centers my kids enjoy are Reading, (choose familiar books from their book baskets and READ), Big Book Center, (practice reading big books we have read in class for fluency), Computers, (with reading and math skills practiced), Writing, (choose their own piece, use a story starter, journal writing) - [source](#)

- **Reading Corner Arbor** - What about purchasing a metal arbor to use in your reading area? Do you have a Michael's Arts and Crafts store where you live? I bought a metal arbor for \$8.00 and it is about 7 ft. high. You can position your arbor in a corner in... [source](#)
- **Reading Corner Decor** - You can buy cardboard fences at the teacher supply. I bought a white picket fence and a (cardboard) wooden rail fence. I think they were around \$8-9.00 each. My friend had a reading corner and put a metal bathtub with plastic pillows in it. Another friend has a loveseat in her room. How about a... [source](#)
- **25 Ideas to Motivate Young Readers** - These ideas come from the BOOK-IT reading incentive program. [source](#)
- **Art and Literature** - Explore new endings to old favorites. Have students draw a new ending to a story and even write about it. [source](#)
- **Bibliography** - A list of books that pertain to teaching reading, writing, and spelling - [source](#)
- **Books with Repeated Lines** - A resource of pattern books that you can use in your classroom - [source](#)
- **Caldecott Books** - Listing of every book that has ever won this award. [source](#)
- **Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement** - Provides you with the latest research in early reading that can be applied to your classroom. Has lists of related books. [source](#)
- **Color Code Writing** - A quicker way for students to form letters and numbers. Includes activities and procedures. [source](#)
- **Concepts About Print** - Working one-on-one with a student, and using this site as a guide, you can determine what he or she knows about books and

print. [source](#)

- **[Dolch Site Words in a Story](#)** - This story contains all 220 of the Dolch sight words. [source](#)
- **[Dolch Words](#)** - 220 words grouped into 11 different lists according to frequency - [source](#)
- **[Easy Fiction/Picture Books](#)** - A-Z listing (by author) of books for young readers. Each one has a brief summary. [source](#)
- **[Fry's Readability Graph: Directions for Use](#)** – Directions on how to determine the reading level of a piece according to Edward Fry - [source](#)
- **[Grow-A-Reader Book List](#)** - Geared for students ages 7-8, this site lists great books just for them. [source](#)
- **[GT-World Reading Lists](#)** - Do you have gifted or advanced readers in your classroom? This site lists quality literature to help challenge all ages. [source](#)
- **[Helping Your Child Learn to Read](#)** - In-depth article for parents and teachers with activities for ages K-6 to help children learn how to read - [source](#)
- **[Kids Campaigns: The Early Years](#)** - A set of links to early childhood reading and writing teaching programs and activities - [source](#)
- **[Let's Read](#)** - Fabulous resource to give to parents to help them encourage reading at home. The activities at the bottom can also be done in the classroom. [source](#)
- **[Literacy Center Ideas](#)** - Lists activities that focus on reading, writing, and listening skills. Some lessons focus on having students drawing and writing an ending to stories that they have listened to on tape. [source](#)
- **[Notable Books for Children](#)** - A list of books from the ALA that are suitable for the primary grades - [source](#)

- **[Picture Books Too Good To Miss](#)** - A bibliography of picture books with a short summary - [source](#)
- **[Predictable Books](#)** - This site identifies several types of predictable books and gives a short bibliography for each type listed. [source](#)
- **[Professional Books](#)** - Listing of books that focus on literacy. Most are geared towards the primary level. [source](#)
- **[Reading](#)** - List of questioning techniques for you to ask your students as they are reading - [source](#)
- **[Sifting and Sorting Through the 4-Blocks Literacy Model](#)** - Bi-weekly articles that discuss how to use the 4-Blocks Model in your classroom - [source](#)
- **[Sifting Through the 4-Blocks Literacy Model](#)** - Information related to using the 4-Blocks Model in the classroom. A weekly column by author Cheryl Sigmon - [source](#)
- **[Suggested Reading List](#)** - A list of books grouped together by age level that spans birth through grade six - [source](#)
- **[The 100 Best Picture Books!](#)** - A list of 100 hundred picture books as compiled by the Stockton-San Joaquin County Library - [source](#)
- **[The Dos and Don'ts of Read-Alouds](#)** - Practical information on when to start reading aloud and the most effective way to build interest in them - [source](#)
- **[The Effects of Independent Reading on Reading Achievement](#)** - Research article on independent reading and its many benefits. Fluency and vocabulary development are discussed here. [source](#)
- **[The Four Blocks](#)** - An approach to beginning reading instruction emphasizing Guided Reading, Self Selected Reading, Writing and Words - [source](#)
- **[Word Go Fish](#)** - In this lesson, the students will practice reading simple words

- [source](#)
- [Word Walls](#) - A never-ending list of activities to use in conjunction with your word wall. All activities were written by classroom teachers. [source](#)
- **NEW!** [The ProTeacher Collection](#) - Tens of thousands of teaching ideas and advice from experienced teachers across the United States and around the world. A FREE service brought to you by members of the ProTeacher Community.
- [ProTeacher Community](#) - Visit our growing community of elementary and middle school teachers! Get involved today! Dozens of active [boards](#), blogs and chat rooms; hundreds of active discussions, and tens of thousands of teaching ideas. Newcomers always welcome! [source](#)

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[Reading Comprehension Activities](#) through Music. Scroll down to find the games!

[Scott Foresmann's](#) Reading Resources

[StarFall](#) - interactive, online books and activities for young readers

Printables (camping theme):

[Book Buddies](#)

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Reading Advice from Scholastic Books. Help your children love reading!

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READING PROBLEMS & CONCERNS

Get targeted help for your non-reader, your super-reader, and every kind of reader in between.



[Early Signs of Reading Trouble](#)

You may be able to detect a learning disability now — while there's still time to address it.

[Reading Roadblocks](#)

If your child is struggling with reading and language, he may have a learning disability. It's critical to find out.

WHAT'S NEWSWORTHY IN BOOKS & READING



[Little Scholastic](#)

Learn more about bringing books into your baby's life and Scholastic's expert-approved, baby-tested line of board books.



[Parent Guide to Fantasy Books](#)

What could be more enriching than books that celebrate the power of imagination?

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In the book world, the end of the year means lots of best-of lists.

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RIF Highlights



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Virginia's proposed FY11 budget eliminates funding for RIF and our nationwide services. Support is building in the House, but the Senate process is just beginning. [Act now!](#)

[Dream Big with RIF!](#)

Coordinators, are you looking for a way to spice up your next distribution? Check out our awesome [Dream RIF Giveaway](#) with prizes provided by the Oriental Trading Company. Enter to win one of 25 \$500 gift cards today!

[Go Rachael, Go!](#)

Rachael Flatt, our spokesperson and champion figure skater has a love for skating and for reading. Check out her [public service announcement for RIF](#), and inspire a child to read today.

[RIF 2010 Gala: Save the Date!](#)

RIF's [2010 Gift of Reading Gala](#) will take place on Wednesday, May 26 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. [See sponsorship](#)

[information](#), and [buy advance tickets](#) to



[2010 VOYA Schedule](#)



Thank you to all who submitted a nomination for the [2010 Volunteer of the Year Awards](#). Although nominations are closed, the process continues!

February 5: Nominations close.

- **February 16-26:** Judges choose regional winners.
- **March:** Regional winners are nominated for VOYA.
- **April 18-24:** Winners announced.
- **May 25-27:** VOYAs are honored in Washington, D.C.

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StoryPlace.Org- This is a favorite site to use with young readers!
 Visit this preschool library!



The StoryPlace Pre-school Library is full of great activities for you to explore. Choose a theme below to start the fun!

Theme	On-line Story	On-line Activity	Take-home Activity	Suggested Reading	Parent's Activity
Animals	<u>Morris' Special Day</u>	<u>Who Am I?</u>	<u>Mouse Mask</u>	<u>Animals Reading List</u>	<u>Animals / Aniales</u>
Babies	<u>Five Little Babies</u>	<u>Find the Baby</u>	<u>Baby Rattle</u>	<u>Junior's Reading List</u>	<u>Babies</u>
Bath Time	<u>I Will Not Take a Bath</u>	<u>It's Bath Time!</u>	<u>Duck Water Scoop</u>	<u>Bath Time Reading List</u>	<u>Bathtime</u>
Colors	<u>Color the Rainbow</u>	<u>What Color Is It?</u>	<u>Color Concentration Game</u>	<u>Freda's Reading List</u>	<u>Colors</u>
Crocodiles	<u>Clyde's Smile</u>	<u>5 Hungry Crocs</u>	<u>Stand-up Crocodile</u>	<u>Clyde's Reading List</u>	<u>Alligators and Crocodiles</u>

	<u>Time to Fight a Fire</u>	<u>What Should Fran Wear?</u>	<u>Dottie Dalmatian</u>	<u>Fire Fighters Reading List</u>	<u>Fire Fighters</u>
	<u>New Fish on the Reef</u>	<u>Swimming Is Fun For Fish</u>	<u>Paper Plate Fish</u>	<u>Fish Reading List</u>	<u>Fish</u>
	<u>The Yellow Gorilla</u>	<u>Baby Gorilla Goes Shopping</u>	<u>Reversible Gorilla Stick Puppet</u>	<u>Gorilla Reading List</u>	<u>Gorillas</u>
	<u>Bananas for Lunch</u>	<u>Count the Bananas</u>	<u>Paper Bag Puppet</u>	<u>Champ's Reading List</u>	<u>Monkeys</u>
	<u>The Barnyard Chorus</u>	<u>The All Star Band</u>	<u>Musical Shaker</u>	<u>Music Reading List</u>	<u>Music</u>
	<u>The Perfect Pet</u>	<u>Pick a Pet</u>	<u>Puppy Puppet</u>	<u>Pets Reading List</u>	<u>Pets</u>
	<u>Story of Shapes</u>	<u>I Spy Shapes</u>	<u>Shape Mobile</u>	<u>Shapes Reading List</u>	<u>Shapes</u>
	<u>6 Little Teddy Bears</u>	<u>What Will Bella Wear?</u>	<u>Paper Teddy Bear</u>	<u>Bella Bear's Reading List</u>	<u>Teddy Bears</u>
	<u>Engine Nine, Party Line</u>	<u>Which is Bigger?</u>	<u>Build a Train</u>	<u>Trains Reading List</u>	<u>Trains</u>



[When Will
Daddy
Come
Home?](#)

[Count the
Wheels](#)

[Create a Car](#)

[Wheels
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Teacher Planet— This source is packed with reading ideas and lesson plans. My favorite places to explore are the book resources. You can print lessons and study guides to accompany many popular children's novels!



LESSONS PLANS

[Reading Lesson Plan Sites](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

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NOVEL STUDY GUIDES

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[Across Five Aprils](#) Irene Hunt

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[All Quiet on the Western Front](#) Remarque

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AFT's PreK-12 Reading Resources

Improving Reading Performance

School Libraries . org

LITERATURE RESOURCES

Children's Literature Resource Guide

Literary Resources on the Net

Animal Farm, George Orwell

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin

Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman Gaines

Bearstone, Will Hobbs

Beowulf, a translation by Burton Raffel

Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson

The Brothers Karamazov, Dostoyevsky

The Call of the Wild, Jack London

The Canterbury Tales, Geoffrey Chaucer

Cezanne Pinto, Mary Stolz

The Christmas of the Phonograph Records,

Mari Sandoz

The Chosen, Chaim Potok

The Clay Marble, Minfong Ho

Cyrano de Bergerac, Edmond Rostand

Dragonwings, Laurence Yep

Ethan Frome, Edith Wharton

Frankenstein, Mary Shelley

The Friends, Rosa Guy

The Glory Field, Walter Dean Myers

Great Expectations, Charles Dickens

Hamlet, William Shakespeare

Hatchet, Gary Paulson

Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad

High Elk's Treasure, Virginia Driving Hawk
Sneve

A House for Mr. Biswas, V. S. Naipaul

The House of Dies Drear, Virginia Hamilton

I, Juan de Pareja, Elizabeth Borton de
Treviño

Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell

Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë

Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes

Julie of the Wolves, Jean Craighead George

The Metamorphosis, Franz Kafka

A Midsummer Night's Dream, William
Shakespeare

Missing May, Cynthia Rylant

My Ántonia, Willa Cather

Nectar in a Sieve, Kamala Markandaya

Night, Elie Wiesel

Number the Stars, Lois Lowry

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich,
Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Picture Bride, Yoshiko Uchida

The Pigman, Paul Zindel

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen

The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane

The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Secret Sharer, Joseph Conrad

A Separate Peace, John Knowles

Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind, Suzanne
Fisher Staples

Shiloh, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Slave Dancer, Paula Fox

So Far from the Bamboo Grove, Yoko
Kawashima Watkins

Souder, William H. Armstrong

**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr.
Hyde**, Robert Louis Stevenson

The Summer of the Swans, Betsy Byars

A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens

The Tempest, William Shakespeare

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar, William Shakespeare

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi

Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt

Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech

Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls

Winter Thunder, Mari Sandoz

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth George Speare

A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle

Wuthering Heights, Emily Brontë

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- [Green Eggs and Ham](#) - Lots of ideas to use with this great story
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Sites For Parents

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| • <u>Helping Your Child To Read</u> | • <u>Tips for helping your 4th-6th grader read</u> |
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| • <u>Book Lists for Grades K-3</u> | • <u>Emerging Reading Skills</u> - an article |

Sites For Kids

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Alphabet Action</u> - game for beginning readers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Authors and Illustrators on the Web</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grammar Gorillas</u> - a fun game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Kid's Place at HM</u> - choose your grade and have some fun!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Literacy Center</u> - Beginning readers can explore letters, letter sounds and more! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PBS Kids Stories</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reading Comprehension Activities</u> through Music - scroll down to find the games! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read <u>Pup's Supper</u> - an adorable animated interactive book brought to you by the Monterey Bay Aquarium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reading Games</u> and more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sports Illustrated For Kids</u> - magazine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>StarFall</u> - interactive, online books and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>StoryPlace.Org</u> - This is one of my favorite sites to use with young readers!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Time For Kids</u> - magazine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vocabulary Games</u> at Gamequarium

- [Wacky Web Tales](#) - Create a wacky story and then read it!
Grades 3+

- [Word Search](#) - Dr. Seuss words are hiding all over this puzzle.

- **Libraries:** Reading Month Activities have been planned in locations throughout the state. Don't forget to check the activities at libraries in your school and community! For example, see what Lenawee County has planned!

- **Collection: Reading Month**

Make teaching Reading Month fun! This is a collection of five English language arts songs and a PDF lyric booklet that all promote literacy!

All five songs come in four versions to assist students and teachers. That's 20 songs total!

Track List

- [Sit Down & Write](#)
- [Figurative Language](#)
- [Characters, Setting, Plot](#)
- [It's Non-Fiction](#)
- [Poetry \(for Life\)](#)

For access to these songs and more, check out:

[RRR Online Access 24/7 On-demand streaming, customizable online classrooms, and more!](#)

Core Subject Albums can also be found at this site!

ReadWriteThink –This website is a free source of lessons that has been produced by the National Council Teachers of English in collaboration with the International Reading Association. The goal is to provide educators and students access to the highest quality practices and resources in reading and language arts instruction. Just click on the links below.

www.readwritethink.org

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[If a Body Texts a Body](#)

A Reading Month checklist can be downloaded at www.cadl.org/news/readingmonth for keeping a record of students' reading experiences. See below:

Hey kids, March is Reading Month!

Here is a checklist of reading materials! See how many ways you can read (or be read to) this month. Print this page, keep track and show it to your parents or teacher. Happy Reading!

Fairy Tales		Realistic Fiction	
Fables		Picture Books	
Science Fiction		ABC books	
How to books		Informational books	

How are you doing? Keep up the good work!

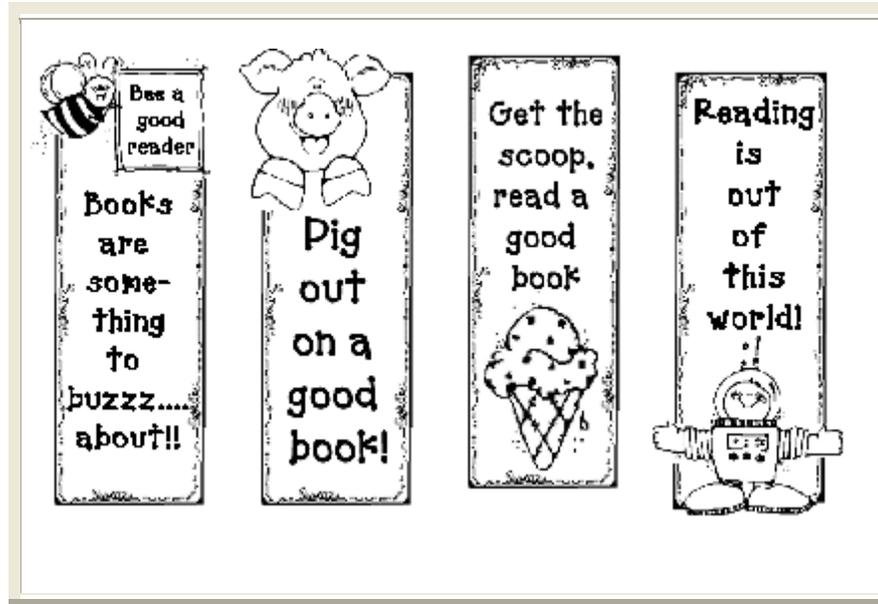
Magazines		Comic Books	
Newspapers		Cereal Boxes	
Greeting Cards		Road Signs	
Trading Cards		School Newsletters	

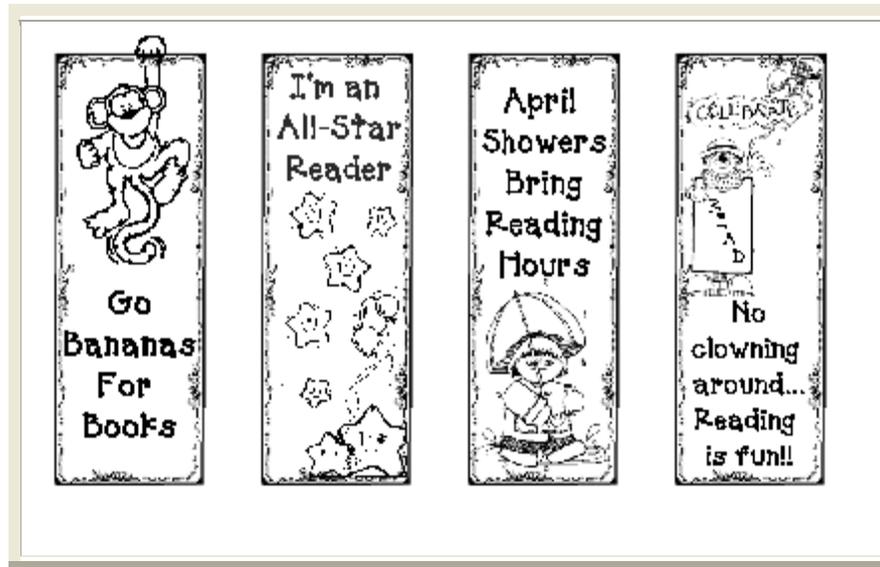
Computer Screens		Stories you wrote	
Dictionary		Stories friends wrote	
Encyclopedias		Poetry	
Maps/Atlas		Animal books	

Tammy's TidBits - Free Bookmark Printables!

Welcome to the March Freebies from Tammy's Tidbits. Since March is Reading Month, I decided to make some bookmarks that you could use with your students. I am still working on more so please keep checking back. I hope that you and your students will enjoy these bookmarks. If your school is concentrating on a certain theme and would like me to try to design a bookmark to go with that theme, please just email me and I will do my best to see what I can come up with.

Click on a bookmark below to get the full-size version. Once the bookmark is fully loaded all you need to do is click on File/Print.





- **2010 Recommended Black History Reading from "Just Read, Florida!"**

This recommended reading list, in celebration of Florida's Black History Month, highlights African-American literature. This list provides an excellent source of suggested books for children of all ages. "Just Read, Florida!" makes reading a priority in Florida's public schools and among the community groups and volunteer organizations that support them. For more information about "Just Read, Florida!" please visit www.justreadflorida.com.

Elementary (Grades PreK-3)

- *I Dream of Trains*, Angela Johnson

- ***The Moon Over Star***, Dianna Hutts Aston
- ***Let It Shine***, Ashley Bryan
- ***Before John Was a Jazz Giant***, Carole Boston Weatherford
- ***Uptown***, Bryan Collier
- ***I've Seen the Promised Land: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***, Walter Dean Myers
- ***Papa's Mark***, Gwendolyn Battle Lavert
- ***In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems***, Jan Spivey Gilchrist
- ***Almost to Freedom***, Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
- ***Thunder Rose***, Jerdine Nolen
- ***Visiting Langston***, Bryan Collier
- ***Freedom River***, Doreen Rappaport
- ***In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers***, Alan Schroeder
- ***Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry***, Ashley Bryan
- ***Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman***, Alan Schroeder
- ***Running the Road to ABC***, Denize Lauture
- ***Neeny Coming, Neeny Going***, Karen English
- ***Little Eight John***, Jan Wahl
- ***All Night, All Day: A Child's First Book of African American Spirituals***, Ashley Bryan
- ***When I Am Old With You***, Angela Johnson
- ***The Patchwork Quilt***, Valerie Flournoy
- ***Bright Eyes, Brown Skin***, Cheryl Hudson and Bernette Ford
- ***Something Beautiful***, Sharon Wyeth
- ***The Quilt***, Ann Jonas
- ***Bill Pickett: Rodeo-Ridin Cowboy***, Andrea Pinkney and Brian Pinkney
- ***Drylongso***, Virginia Hamilton
- ***I Am Rosa Parks***, Rosa Parks and James Haskins
- ***Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***, Doreen Rappaport
- ***Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt***, Deborah Hopkinson
- ***The Dream Keeper and Other Poems***, Langston Hughes and Brian Pinkney

- ***The Palm of My Heart: Poetry by African American Children***, Gregorie Christie
- ***The Invisible Hunters: A Legend from the Miskito Indians of Nicaragua***, Harriet Rohmer, et al
- ***Africa Dream***, Eloise Greenfield
- ***Mary McLeod Bethune***, Eloise Greenfield
- ***Ray Charles***, Sharon Bell Mathis
- ***Jazzy Miz Mozetta***, Brenda C. Roberts
- ***Family Plays Music***, Judy Cox
- ***The Moon Ring***, Randy DuBurke
- ***Freedom Summer***, Deb Wiles
- ***The Piano Man***, Debbie Chocolate

Elementary (Grades 4-5)

- ***Romare Bearden: Collage of Memories***, Jan Greenberg
- ***Against All Odds: Artist Dean Mitchell's Story***, Betty R. James
- ***Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman***, Nikki Grimes
- ***Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth***, Anne Rockwell
- ***I Have Heard of a Land***, Joyce Carol Thomas
- ***Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra***, Andrea Davis Pinkney
- ***The Hunterman and the Crocodile***, Baba Waguè Diakité
- ***The Singing Man***, Angela Shelf Medearis
- ***Meet Danitra Brown***, Nikki Grimes
- ***Soul Looks Back in Wonder***, Phyllis Fogelman
- ***The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth***, David A. Anderson
- ***Night on the Neighborhood Street***, Eloise Greenfield
- ***The Road to Memphis***, Mildred Taylor
- ***Aida***, Leontyne Price
- ***Nathaniel Talking***, Eloise Greenfield

- ***Mirandy and Brother Wind***, Patricia McKissack
- ***Under the Sunday Tree***, Eloise Greenfield
- ***Storm in the Night***, Mary Stolz
- ***Maritcha***, Tonya Bolden
- ***Ellington Was Not a Street***, Ntozake Shange and Kadir Nelson
- ***The Bat Boy and His Violin***, Gavin Curtis
- ***The Great Migration: An American Story***, Jacob Lawrence
- ***Harlem***, Walter Dean Myers
- ***Circle of Gold***, Candy Dawson Boyd
- ***A Little Love***, Virginia Hamilton
- ***The Strange New Feeling***, Julius Lester
- ***Rainbow Jordan***, Alice Childress
- ***Skates of Uncle Richard***, Carol Fenner
- ***Something on My Mind***, Nikki Grimes
- ***Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan***, R. Gregory Christie
- ***Fly High!: The Story of Bessie Coleman***, Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

- ***The Legend of Buddy Bush***, Sheila P. Moses
- ***Days of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue***, Julius Lester
- ***Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl***, Tonya Bolden
- ***Dark Sons***, Nikki Grimes
- ***The Road to Paris***, Nikki Grimes
- ***Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story***, Ben Carson
- ***Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States***, Patricia C. and Frederick L. McKissack
- ***Locomotion***, Jacqueline Woodson
- ***The Battle of Jericho***, Sharon Draper
- ***The Red Rose Box***, Brenda Woods

- ***The Land***, Mildred Taylor
- ***Miracle's Boys***, Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Let It Shine! Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters***, Andrea Davis Pinkney
- ***Francie***, Karen English
- ***Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African American Whalers***, Patricia C. and Frederick L. McKissack
- ***Bayard Rustin: Behind the Scenes of the Civil Rights Movement***, James Haskins
- ***Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters***, Patricia C. and Frederick L. McKissack
- ***The Captive***, Joyce Hansen
- ***Now is Your Time: The African American Struggle for Freedom***, Walter Dean Myers
- ***A Thief in the Village and Other Stories***, James Berry
- ***Which Way Freedom***, Joyce Hansen
- ***Junius Over Far***, Virginia Hamilton
- ***The Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.***, Coretta Scott King
- ***Forged by Fire***, Sharon M. Draper
- ***Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush***, Virginia Hamilton
- ***Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence: The Story of New York's African Burial Ground***, Joyce Hansen and Gary McGowan
- ***I See the Rhythm***, Toyomi Igus
- ***Heaven***, Angela Johnson
- ***The Other Side: Shorter Poems***, Angela Johnson
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- ***Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World***, Mildred Pitts Walter
- ***Let the Circle Be Unbroken***, Mildred D. Taylor
- ***Childtimes: A Three-Generation Memoir***, Eloise Greenfield and Lessie Jones Little
- ***Andrew Young: Young Man With a Mission***, James Haskins
- ***The Way a Door Closes***, Hope Anita Smith

- ***The Skin I'm In***, Sharon Flake
- ***Another Way to Dance***, Martha Southgate
- ***Elijah of Buxton***, Christopher Paul Curtis
- ***Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali***, Charles R. Smith, Jr.
- ***We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball***, Kadir Nelson
- ***Keeping the Night Watch***, Hope Anita Smith
- ***Maizon at Blue Hill***, Jacqueline Woodson

High School (Grades 9-12)

- ***Copper Sun***, Sharon Draper
- ***The Magnificent Twelve: Florida's Black Junior Colleges***, Walter L. Smith, Ph.D.
- ***Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem***, Marilyn Nelson
- ***Carver: A Life in Poems***, Marilyn Nelson
- ***Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary***, Walter Dean Myers
- ***Mississippi Challenge***, Mildred Pitts Walter
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- ***We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Led to Success***, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt and Sharon Draper
- ***Fallen Angels***, Walter Dean Myers
- ***Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave***, Virginia Hamilton
- ***Trouble's Child***, Mildred Pitts Walter
- ***The Magical Adventures of Pretty Pearl***, Virginia Hamilton
- ***Lena Horne***, James Haskins
- ***The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo***, Tom Feelings
- ***This Life***, Sidney Poitier
- ***Don't Explain: A Song of Billie Holiday***, Alexis De Veaux
- ***The Young Landlords***, Walter Dean Myers
- ***James Van Der Zee: The Picture Takin' Man***, James Haskins

- ***Let the Lion Eat Straw***, Ellese Southerland
- ***Cornrows***, Camille Yarborough
- ***Benjamin Banneker***, Lillie Patterson
- ***Barbara Jordan***, James Haskins
- ***Darkness Before Dawn***, Sharon Draper
- ***Coretta Scott King***, Lillie Patterson
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- ***I Never Had It Made: the Autobiography of Jackie Robinson***, as told, Alfred Duckett
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- ***Lou in the Limelight***, Kristin Hunter
- ***Movin' Up***, Berry Gordy
- ***Marvin and Tige***, Frankcina Glass
- ***Black Troubador: Langston Hughes***, Charlemae Rollins
- ***Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace***, Lillie Patterson
- ***Monster***, Walter Dean Myers
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