

## January is Maryland Reading Month!



*Here are some suggested ideas that your family may enjoy doing this month.*

- Invite everyone to bring a book, magazine or newspaper to read at the table after eating. Set a timer for 15 minutes, and when the timer signals, discuss what you read.
- Parents/Guardians select a favorite story from your childhood. Read this story to your child. Discuss why the story was a favorite book.
- Have a reading camp out. Bring pillows, blankets, sleeping bags and lots of books. Read until you fall asleep. Happy Dreams!
- Today is Books and Breakfast Day. Select a book at [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com) You can access this website through <http://hclibrary.org/research/tumblebook-library/>. Invite your children to view the story as they eat. Yummy!
- Read to someone you love. Invite your child to read to a relative or friend over the phone or of Skype. Then ask the recipient to read to your child.
- Turn off the TV tonight. Have several copies of the same book to read as a family. After 15 minutes of silent reading, invite family members to read aloud their favorite part.
- Today is Bath and Books Day! Have a recorded book for children to hear as they take their bath or shower. Relax and enjoy.

- Read and Compare! Read a fiction and nonfiction (informational) book from [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)
- Discuss with your child how the books are alike or different.
- Readers Theater Performance Lights-Camera-Action. Find a Reader's Theater script at [www.readinglady.com](http://www.readinglady.com) that you and your family can perform. Read the script and then perform it over the upcoming weekend.
- Flashlight Reading- Before bedtime, gather in one room with a flashlight and book for each family member. Remember to turn the room lights off and have flashlights on and read until bedtime.
- Giggle and Read! Read poems that you have or from [www.gigglepoetry.com](http://www.gigglepoetry.com) Discuss what makes the poem funny and what the poet's message might be.
- Pets like books. Grab a book and read to your pet or stuffed animal.
- Newspaper Night! Gather newspapers or go online to read the news. Invite everyone to read from a different section and then share with the family. If your readers are too young, read to them and invite them to follow along.
- What's Cooking? Share cookbooks with your family and invite them to look for a good recipe for cookies and cocoa. Share and decide which you might make.
- Is there a pattern? Collect a variety of picture books from your home or library and invite each person to read a different book. Are there similarities or differences in the titles?
- Take a trip to the Public Library. Sign up for library cards for the whole family and borrow books. Try to make a library visit a regular part of your monthly activities.
- Dictionary Night. Bring out the family dictionary. Read words aloud and have family members define the words. Discuss how the dictionary is organized and how you use it

