

Fifteen fun family activities for parents who are raising Super Readers from your Milwaukee Public Library!

1. Read every day. Incorporate reading into your schedule, either before bed, or naps or while eating breakfast – whatever works for your family – just read on a daily basis.
2. When reading with your child stop occasionally and ask, “What do you think will happen next?”
3. Have your child describe the pictures in their mind, which the story creates.
4. While waiting in line or driving in the car, ask your child to retell a favorite story.
5. Read books that have been made into films and talk about the differences.
6. Check out a children’s cookbook, have your child read the recipe as you cook.
7. Help your child keep a journal, fill it with writings or drawings about favorite summer books, activities, and stories they make up.
8. Write letters to friends or make a greeting card with a summer poem.
9. Go on a pretend vacation through books. It’s free with books from the library and the places to go to are unlimited. You can even travel back in time through books!
10. Read aloud from a chapter book each day and/or check out books on CD or tape for trips in the car. See the handout for great family read-alouds.
11. Let children act out stories or create a puppet show of books they have read. Invite the neighbors over and make it a big production.
12. Give children flash lights and let them stay up late reading on a night when they don’t have to get up early the next morning.
13. Summer reading doesn’t have to be just stories – check out some great non-fiction books and learn some new games, a new hobby, or a delicious recipe to make together. The library has great books about camping, magic tricks, making balloon animals, etc.
14. Talk about what everyone is reading – recommend a great book to a friend.
15. Visit your Milwaukee Public Library for books and entertainment! The library has entertaining storytellers, magic shows, and animal shows for families to enjoy all summer long. Stop in the library for a calendar of events or visit the web at www.mpl.org for more information.

