



Fun Ways to Read This Summer

Reading with your child every day is the best way to help them develop a love of reading and books. Here are suggestions to add enjoyment to the time you spend reading, writing, and talking together - important ways to help your child become a better reader.



Visit the Milwaukee Public Library this summer and sign up for the **Super Reader Program** - Read and earn prizes!

Establish a daily "Stop, Drop and Read" habit - Everyone in the family stops what they are doing and reads for 15-20 minutes.

Identify a special spot in your home where you will read together every day.

Arts & Crafts - Find a topic you want to know about (baking, building a kite, etc.). Find a book about that topic and make something.

See who can come up with the most words that start with the first letter of their name. **Challenge:** come up with a rhyme for the words.

Look through the online news and find an interesting story. **Read it together and talk about the article.**

Go on a scavenger hunt! Find items in your home or neighborhood that begin with every letter of the alphabet.

Find a recipe online or in a cookbook - Work together to make a dish from the book. Create a fancy menu for your meal.

Bon Voyage - **Design a postcard** of a place you would like to visit. Write a message to yourself.

Ball Tales - **Tell a story by tossing a ball** - each person adds a sentence every time they have the ball.

Family Play Date - Act out your favorite book or fairy tale.

Photo Story - Go for a walk and take photos with your phone. **Write captions** or make up a story with the pictures you take.

Use sidewalk chalk to **write messages** to passers by.

Take a trip to the library. Get a library card if you don't have one and pick up some great books!

Word Game -- Invent a code (A=1, B=2). Send a message in code to a friend.

Practice spelling by filling a water bottle with water, then "squirt" the words onto the sidewalk.

Create a recipe for a summer treat. Write it on a recipe card. Make it and serve it to family and friends.

Plan a "book picnic" at your favorite outdoor spot such as the beach, park, or woods. Pack a lunch and plenty to read.

Family Poetry Slam - **Take turns reading** Mother Goose or other nursery rhymes. Use a pretend microphone to add to the fun!

Tell a story about a childhood memory. Who was your best friend? What did you do for fun? What was your favorite book?

Cut out pictures from an old magazine or catalog. Write or tell a story about them. **Design a bookmark** to use in your favorite book.

Family Game Night - Play a board or card game together.

Watch TV with the sound off and closed captioning on. **Check out an audio book** from the library and listen to a good book.

Buried Treasure - Put a trinket in a jar and bury it in your yard. **Make a map** to see who can find the treasure!

Tongue Twisters - See who can make up the longest or silliest sentence using words that begin with the same letter.

Alliteration Illustration - Write down some of your silly sentences and draw a picture to go along with them.

Make a list of the supplies you need for school.

Don't you feel smart and ready for school!?!

