

A Collection of Reading Adventures for You and Your Child

Dear Parents,

We hope to kick-start your child's lifelong reading journey with the activities compiled in this booklet. There are a total of eight "Reading Adventures" that you can complete with your child throughout the year, as well as three "Kids' Specials" that your child can have fun with on-the-go.

Feel free to make use of the stickers to keep track of your child's progress. Simply give out the corresponding sticker after each completed activity. You can also reward your child when he or she goes the extra mile to read, tries a different type of book, or is extremely well-behaved in the library.

Let us help you raise voracious readers and lifelong learners!


Cheers,
Your Read@School Librarians

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Explore a Public Library

STEP 1




Locate public libraries and their opening hours on:
www.nlb.gov.sg/VisitUs.aspx.
Choose a public library to visit.

STEP 2



Register your child as a library member and get a myLibrary ID for him/her. Add his/her online account into your NLB Mobile app so that it's easy to keep track of all your loaned items.


STEP 3



Get your child excited about the trip by telling him/her that:

- Libraries have a wide range of books, comics, magazines, and audio-visual materials.
- Members can borrow up to sixteen of these items and have three weeks to read/watch them.
- Members can borrow books by using either the NLB Mobile app or the Book Borrowing Station.

STEP 4




Encourage your child to borrow at least one of the following:

- Fiction book
- Non-fiction book
- Fairytale or Folktale
- Book in Chinese, Malay, or Tamil
- Book written by a Singaporean author

If they do so, reward them with a "I Read Widely" sticker.

STEP 5



Borrow a book for yourself too. Parents are the best reading role models for their children.

Tip #1

If your child prefers pictures over words, books with a big red 'P' on their spine may be more suitable for your child.

Tip #2

All libraries have designated shelves for Fairytales and Folktales. You can identify them by their call number - 398.2.

Kids' Special

Label the parts of the book shown below using the stickers on the sticker page:

2 Title: The name of the book

For the book lovers: Decorate your belongings (notebooks, bottles, stationery etc.) with the stickers specially designed for you in the sticker page.

1 Cover: The "face" of the book

5 Spine: The side of the book, where it is bound

3 Author: The one who wrote the story

6 Call Number: The address of a library book

4 Illustrator: The one who drew the pictures in the story

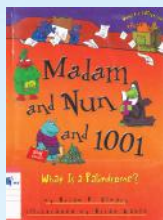
Have Some Fun with Words!

Some words are more fun than others. Not convinced?

1. These words spell the same forward and backward.

Mom, Dad, Toot, Poop

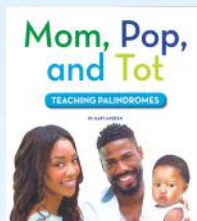
These kind of words are called palindromes.



Madam and Nun and 1001: What is a Palindrome?

Brian P. Cleary
J 793.734 CLE

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Mom, Pop, and Tot: Teaching Palindromes

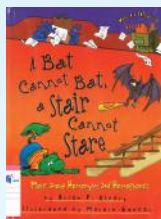
Mary Lindeen
JP 793.734 LIN

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Child's World,
2017.

2. These words sound the same.



These pair of words are called homophones.



A Bat Cannot Bat, a Stair Cannot Stare : More about Homonyms and Homophones

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Are You a Ewe?

Rebecca Felix
JP 428.1 FEL

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Use these books to introduce new words to your child in a fun way!

3. These words don't mean a thing, but are so fun to say! (These words are called nonsense words.)

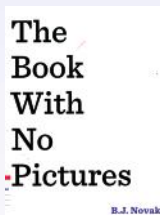
Jabberwocky
(created by Lewis Carroll)

Gobblefunk
(created by Roald Dahl)

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

(popularised by the movie, *Mary Poppins*)

Borrow this book for your child:



The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak
JP NOV

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Readers, 2014.

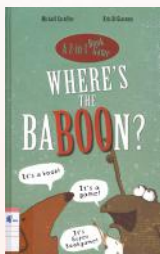
Other books with fun words for you and your child:



**Take Away the A:
An Alphabeast of
a Book!**

Michael Escoffier
JP ESC

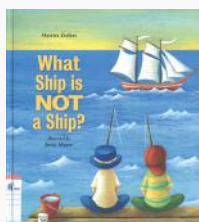
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**Where's the
Baboon?**

Michael Escoffier
JP ESC

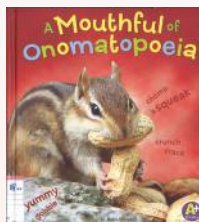
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**What Ship is Not
a Ship?**

Harriet Ziefert
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**A Mouthful of
Onomatopoeia**

Bette Blaisdell
JP 428 BLA

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“ I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope, which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.

– Dr Seuss

”

“ Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you!

– Dr Seuss

”

Kids' Special

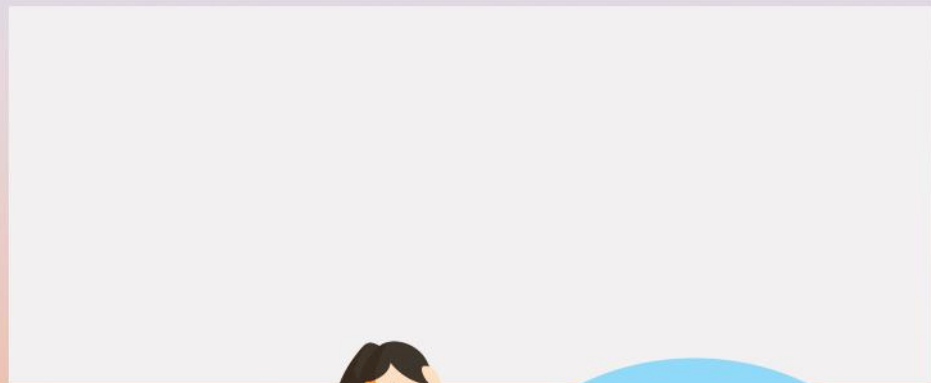
1. Circle the palindromes in the word search puzzle below.

level kayak eye redder noon madam pop
dad mum race car

L	I	R	E	D	D	E	R
E	Y	E	S	N	O	O	N
V	B	L	K	Y	G	L	R
E	F	M	A	D	A	M	U
L	S	D	Y	J	U	H	P
H	A	T	A	M	S	O	V
D	G	Z	K	B	P	F	S
J	R	A	C	E	C	A	R

You can make comics out of homophones; here is an example:

Pause button  VS  Paws button



Can you make a comic using a set of homophones too?

Show your finished comic to your parent. If they like it, they can reward you with the "Bee Yourself" sticker.

Revisit Classic Children's Literature

Let's go back in time to revisit classic children's literature.

These are the books that have stood the test of time and been passed on from one generation to the next. Classics are also frequently referenced in contemporary texts – the more classics your child knows; the more enjoyable contemporary books will be!

Here are a few examples – they are great bedtime stories to read aloud to your child.



The Cat in the Hat Comes Back

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1986.



The Secret Garden

Frances Hodgson
Burnett
J BUR
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Random House
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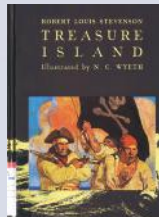
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Adapted by Ronne
Randall
JS CAR
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2011.



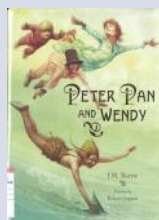
Anne of Green Gables

L.M. Montgomery
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Treasure Island

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Stevenson
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Atheneum
Books for Young
Readers, 2012.



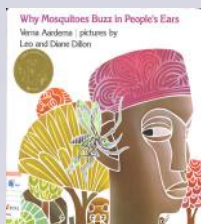
Peter Pan and Wendy

David Barrie
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Palazzo,
2013.



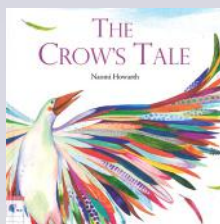
Get your hands on one of the books above and read it together with your child. (Tip: You can choose abridged versions with simplified text too.) Reward them with the "Classic" sticker after this activity.

Folktales are also part of the Classics canon, and are one of the oldest forms of classic Children's Literature. If your child is curious about everything and cannot stop asking "why", these origin stories are sure to delight him/her.



Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale

Verna Aardema
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Dial Press, 1975.

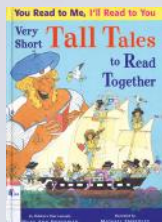


The Crow's Tale

Naomi Howarth
JP 398.2 HOW-[FOL]
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Lincoln Children's,
2015.

Some series encourage role-playing and engage your child by having him/her read along with you.

"I Read to You, You Read to Me" Series:



Very Short Tall Tales to Read Together

Mary Ann Hoberman
JP HOB
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Little, Brown and
Company, 2014.



Try varying your volume and pitch of your voice and add gestures to impersonate different characters – your child will be pleasantly amused and engaged!



Enjoy Poetry & Rhymes

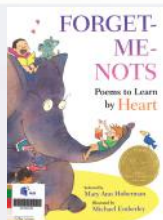
Poetry



If it Rains Pancakes: Haiku and Lantern Poems

Brian P. Cleary
J 811.54 CLE

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Millbrook, 2014.



Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart

Selected by
Mary Ann Hoberman
J 811.008 FOR

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Megan Tingley, 2012.



Keep a Pocket in Your Poem: Classic Poems and Playful Parodies

J. Patrick Lewis
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WordSong, 2017.



I've Lost My Hippopotamus

Jack Prelutsky
J 811 PRE

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Greenwillow, 2012.

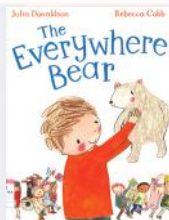
Rhyme



Oi Frog!

Kes Gray & Jim Field
JP GRA

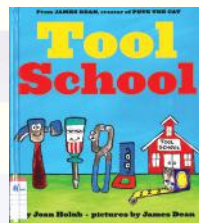
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The Everywhere Bear

Julia Donaldson
JP DON

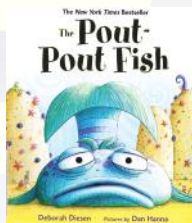
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Tool School

Joan Holub
JP HOL

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Scholastic, 2017.



The Pout-Pout Fish

Deborah Diesen
JP DIE

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Farrar Straus Giroux,
2013.

Tip #1

For more poetry, go to the Children's Non-Fiction section and look for call number 811

Tip #2

For more of these books, search "Stories in Rhyme" in the NLB Catalogue (catalogue.nlb.gov.sg)



Reward your child with the "Poetry" sticker after reading poetry together.

CAPTURE THE TITLES!

Think you know books? Explore the different genres and fill in your favourite book titles to earn the “I Read a Tonne” sticker.

Realistic Fiction

Title: _____

Author: _____

Horror Fiction

Title: _____

Author: _____

Adventure Fiction

Title: _____

Author: _____

Science Fiction

Title: _____

Author: _____

Fantasy Fiction

Title: _____

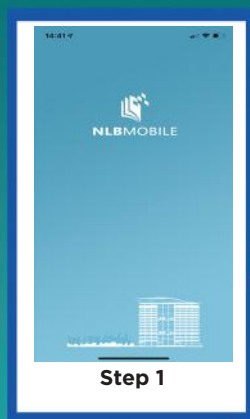
Author: _____

Venture beyond the books and explore library programmes at www.nlb.gov.sg/golibrary.



Use the “Filter” function to search for an event that is near you, or to find events held on a specific date!

It's Screen Time



Is your child constantly borrowing your mobile device to play with? Why not make it an educational experience?

Try TumbleBook Library, a collection of talking picture books with narration, sound effects, and animation, suitable for children below the age of 12.

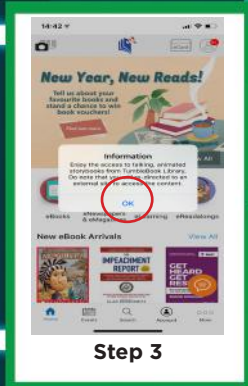


STEP 1 Launch NLB Mobile App.

STEP 2 On your mobile device, click on "eReadalongs".

STEP 3 Click "OK" when the prompt appears..

STEP 4 Let your child select a book and watch the story come alive!



Is your child only reading one book series?

You can try expanding his/her reading appetite by getting book recommendations on our discoverReads portal.

STEP 1 Go to www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads

STEP 2 On your mobile device, click on the drop-box just below the discoverReads logo and select "Book Recommendations".



Also check out the other exciting features on discoverReads, such as the ones below!



After trying out these websites, reward your child with a "Tech-savvy" sticker.

Read About You, Me, and People Around Us

Books need not always be about characters living in foreign lands – books can also be about Singaporeans and their lives.

Singaporean writers have created these endearing characters based on:

Local cuisine...

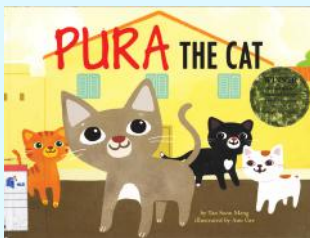


Ang Ku Kueh Girl & Friends series

Wang Shijia
J SING WAN

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Local breeds...



Pura the Cat

Tan Soon Meng
J SING TAN

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Marshall Cavendish Children, 2013.

Singapore attractions...



Sam, Sebbie and Di Di Di series

David Seow
J SING SEO

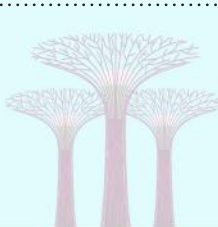
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**ArtScience
Museum**



Singapore Flyer

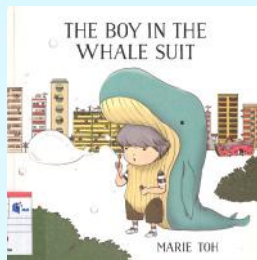


Gardens by the Bay



**Universal Studios
Singapore**

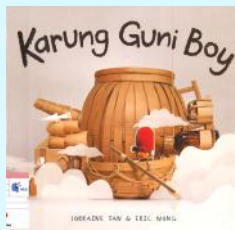
Singapore heartlands...



The Boy in the Whale Suit

Marie Toh
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A local occupation...



Karung Guni Boy

Lorraine Tan
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Relatable experiences...



The Lonely Boy and the Ugly Dog

Eliza Teoh
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Place the correct
sticker against the name
of each attraction.

**If your child can match
them correctly, reward
him/her with a “True Blue
Local” sticker.**



**Singapore Botanic
Gardens**



Start Young on Mother Tongue

Junior Avid Readers

Junior Avid Readers is a Chinese reading club for children aged 7 to 9. Held on a monthly basis, it aims to promote the love of reading in the Chinese language through an hour of storytelling and fun-filled activities.

Children can:

- Be enthralled by stories of various genres
- Interact with other children and make new friends
- Partake in book-related activities



Malay Language Reading Club

Check out our Malay Language Reading Club, *Kelab Membaca Wira Pintar*, which aims to inculcate the love of reading and books in the Malay language among children between 7 and 10 years old.



After participating in any of these mother tongue activities, reward your child with the “我会读” “Saya boleh membaca” OR “என்னால் வாசிக்க முடியும்” sticker.

Your child can expect to:

- Read aloud picture books in a group
- Participate in a hands-on book-related activity
- Obtain specially curated Malay titles

Start instilling healthy reading habits in your child now!

The Book Rangers Club

The Book Rangers Club is a bilingual club in English and Tamil for children between 7 and 10 years old.

During the sessions, children can:

- Enjoy stories
- Try out book-related quizzes and activities
- Be exposed to a variety of titles and genres



Online resources:

- Koleksi Buku Elektronik Melayu
- Tamil eBooks
- Mother Tongue Reading Lists on <http://nlb.gov.sg/Browse/ForChildren.aspx>



Hands-on, Informative, and Future-Ready Books

Our libraries also house a variety of non-fiction books that can provide craft ideas for a rainy afternoon, enable your child to be an expert in their topic of interest, and teach practical future-ready skills.

Craft Ideas

MINI MAKERS



Mini Makers: Crafty Makes to Create With Your Kids

Laura Minter & Tia Williams
745.594 MIN-[REC]
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Guild of Master
Craftsman, 2016.



The Paper Playhouse: Awesome Art Projects for Kids Using Paper, Boxes, and Books

Katrina Rodabaugh
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Quarry, 2015.

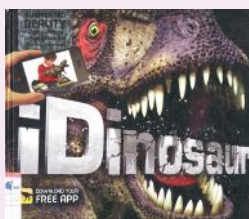


Lazing on a Sunday Crafternoon: Little Projects for People with Just a Little Time and a Little Skill

Eliza Muldoon
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Allen & Unwin, 2013.

Children's Topics of Interest

Non-fiction books enable your child to delve deeper into their topics of interest. For example, the book below uses augmented reality to bring dinosaurs to life — definitely a gem for dinosaur-lovers:



iDinosaur

J 567.9 IDI

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2013.

The following table provides more topics and their respective call numbers (this list is not exhaustive):

Dinosaurs	560-569
Pets	636
Reptiles	597
Planets and Stars	520 - 529
Mammals	599
History	900-909



Understanding
Data

Coding

Artificial
Intelligence

Negotiating

Future-Ready Skills

The skills listed above are just some of those that can help build highly adaptable children for the uncertain economy of the future.

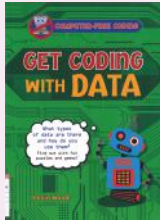
Here are some recommended titles to kickstart your child's development of future-ready skills:



Learn to Program (Kids Get Coding series)

Heather Lyons &
Elizabeth Tweedale
J 005.1 LYO

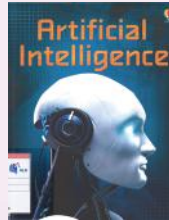
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Get Coding with Data

Kevin Wood
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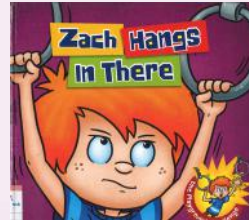
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Artificial Intelligence

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Zach Hangs in There

William Mulcahy
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