

# West Virginia

# FAMILY READ WEEK 2019



## BE A BOOK FIEND!

## WV Family Read Week Guidebook

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# WELCOME TO WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY READ WEEK

This fun and exciting week is filled with ideas and tips to bring more reading into your family time. The West Virginia Library Commission and your local public library partner for a week each November to highlight ways reading can strengthen family time and grow academic success in children.



WV Family Read Week gives you the tools to add reading to your family time or ideas and activities to expand the reading time you might already do as a family.

Parents and caregivers are vital role models in getting children interested in reading. Studies show when parents and caregivers talk about books and read with their children, kids develop better language skills, perform well academically, and cultivate a love for reading.

Enjoying books as a family sends powerful messages about the wonders of reading, learning, and creating. It teaches children reading happens everywhere and everyday—not just at school. They see reading not as a chore or assignment, but as a pleasurable activity they can do with the most important people in their lives.

The goal of this reading packet is to support parents and caregivers in their child's literacy development to make them strong readers. Simple and small interactions with adults have a big impact on young children and what they take away from sharing a book with them.

Reading is the best way for children to develop literacy skills and it boosts their vocabulary. When reading books, we often encounter words that are not commonplace day-to-day conversations.

For WV Family Read week, we encourage you to not only read with your child but to visit your local library together to discover the many offerings it has for keeping your family reading beyond this week.

# LET'S BEGIN

The purpose of the book lists and activities are to increase enjoyment for reading with your family. Above all—always have fun!

We have ideas, activities, and book lists for each day of WV Family Read Week. Look through the packet to see what might appeal to your family. There are only two days where there are specific activities, at the beginning and end of the week. Otherwise, pick any theme you would like and make it your own. You might even want to stay on a theme for a few days, especially if your child is enjoying the topic.

Read the books you select before hand, if possible. Reading the book first allows you to find the twists and turns, areas where questions might pop-up, and parts of the story your child will like most. It might also prompt questions to ask while reading the story.

After reading through the book, pick out a few of the activities from the packet or find your own. If you see one you think might be fun or engaging to do after reading, gather the materials and supplies. Try to do the activity as soon after reading the book as possible to capture more momentum for discussing the story and reading more.

Set aside some enough time to read the book and do an activity afterward. Chances are good your child will want to dive right into the activity after the story is over. Or he/she might want to re-read the story. Either way, make the time fun and appealing to your child. Be sure to have enough time so you won't be rushed and can devote your attention to the book and activity.

If your child is very young, don't worry if he/she might not seem interested in sitting still while you read. It takes time to for children to develop listening and reading skills. Start off reading to your child as a newborn and keep reading to them as they grow. It will become a natural part of your family's activities.

Finally, please complete the brief survey in the booklet and return it to your local library. This helps us make WV Family Read Week better for the coming years and to see what you and your family liked about the week and areas to improve upon.

When WV Family Read Week is over, keep reading! Be sure to visit the library and continue to read together.

# KICK OFF DAY!

## THERE BE MONSTERS

Begin the week with creating a reading buddy. The Make A Reading Buddy Monster project allows your child to make a friend to read to or with during the week. There are several options for making the Reading Buddy Monster in the following pages. However, if your child prefers to use a stuffed animal (or creature) they already own, that's perfectly fine as well.

Reading buddies are a great way for children to boost their reading abilities.

The Reading Buddy Monster can even search for books it might like to read or have read to it.

Once your child has a Reading Buddy Monster, fill out the adoption form to make it an official part of Family Read Week activities.

## LET'S GET READING!

Search your library's online card catalog to find books about monsters. Create a list of books to explore at the library.

Make up stories while you and your child build the Reading Buddy Monster.

This is a good time to talk about different types of stories (fiction and non-fiction), different types of books (picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, etc.)



# READING BUDDY MONSTER

## THERE BE MONSTERS

### MAKE A FELT MONSTER

<https://funfamilycrafts.com/monster-fun-and-learning-for-kids/>

### MAKE A GLOVE MONSTER

<http://krokotak.com/2014/11/glove-monsters/>

### MAKE A YARN MONSTER

<https://eighteen25.com/lil-love-monsters/>

### MAKE A YARN POM- POM MONSTER

<https://liagriffith.com/yarn-pom-pom-monsters/>

### MAKE A TISSUE PAPER POM- POM MONSTER

<https://persialou.com/tissuepaperpompommonsterdecorations/>

### MAKE A TOILET PAPER ROLL MONSTER

<http://www.ourthriftyideas.com/2014/03/toilet-paper-roll-monsters.html>

### MAKE A PUPPET MONSTER

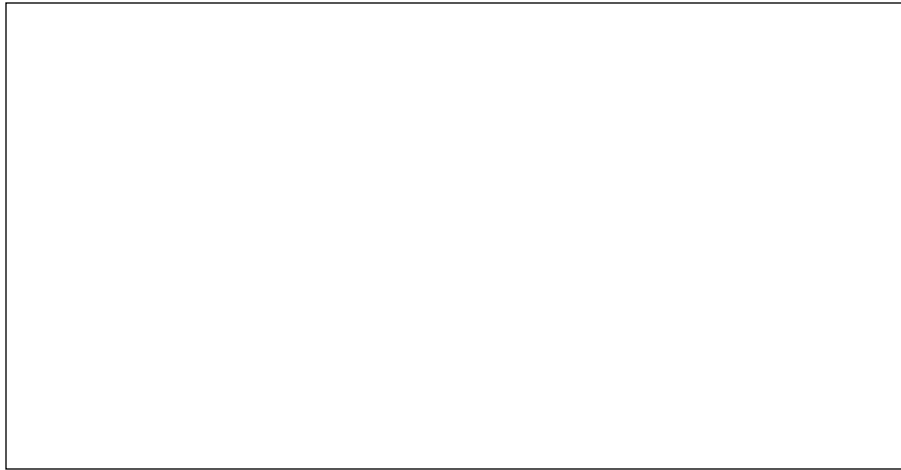
<https://www.snoofsoftheworld.com/make-a-snoof.html>



# MY READING BUDDY MONSTER'S BIOGRAPHY

*What is your Monster's name?*

*Draw a picture of your Monster.*

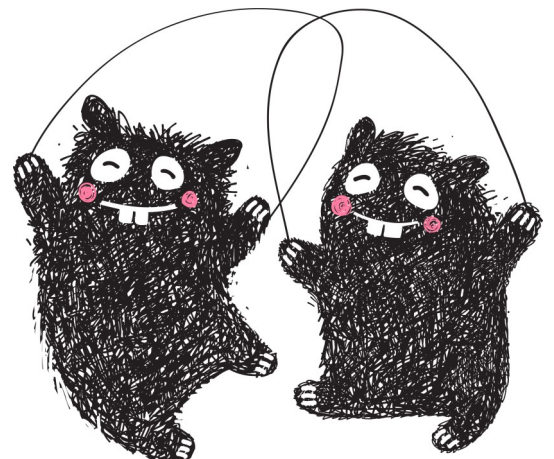


*What type of books does your Monster like?*

*What is your Monster's favorite book?*

*Where does your Monster like to have story time?*

*Did you take your Monster to the library?*



# BOOK LIST

## **THE 10-STEP GUIDE TO LIVING WITH YOUR MONSTER - LAURA NUMEROFF**

Laura Numeroff's *10-Step Guide to Living with Your Monster* is a funny picture book about how to best choose and care for a pet monster. Bright and lively illustrations accompany tips such as "Pick the monster who can play the banjo and tie his own shoes." ( From Scholastic)

## **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE - MAURICE SENDAK**

Max is looking for a little fun, so he dresses up in a comical wolf suit. Unfortunately, his mother is tired of his antics, and sends him to bed without any supper. But unexpectedly a forest grows in his bedroom and Max is taken away to a land of Wild Things. Fortunately, the Wild Things do not eat Max; instead they make him their king. And lucky Max is allowed to continue his romp. Will Max return to his mother and finally eat his dinner? (From Scholastic)

## **MY FRIEND THE MONSTER - ELEANOR TAYLOR**

Louis and his family have just moved into their new house, full of big empty rooms and dusty corners to play in. But on Louis' first night, he hears a strange noise coming from under his bed and is shocked to find a monster! Fortunately, this monster isn't scary, and when Louis takes him to the park the next day, he helps Louis make friends with the other kids in his new neighborhood. Featuring an adorable family of foxes and one very large, very green one-eyed monster, this is a great story about new places and learning to make friends. (From Goodreads)

## **GOODNIGHT GOON - MICHAEL REX**

It's bedtime in the cold gray tomb with a black lagoon, and two slimy claws, and a couple of jaws, and a skull and a shoe and a pot full of goo. But as a little werewolf settles down, in comes the Goon determined at all costs to run amok and not let any monster have his rest. (From publisher)

## **THE MONSTER AT THE END OF THIS BOOK - JON STONE**

Lovable, furry old Grover is distressed to learn that there's a monster at the end of this book! He begs readers not to turn the pages, but of course kids feel they just have to see this monster for themselves. Grover is astonished—and toddlers will be delighted—to discover who is really the monster at the end of the book! (From Goodreads)





## **LET'S EXPLORE MORE ABOUT MONSTERS!**

There are a lot of funny books about monsters and things they do. These delightful and humorous books make the monsters less frightening for young children while giving them lots to giggle about. Older children might enjoy stories about gross and yucky monsters, while teens probably will have lots of fun with zombies and other fantasy creatures.

Here are some fun printables to make some more monsters.

<https://www.somewhatsimple.com/build-monster-free-printable/>

<https://www.printfriendly.com/p/g/m6ku9s>

# BOOK LIST

## **THE GRUFFALO - JULIA DONALDSON**

A mouse is taking a stroll through the deep, dark wood when along comes a hungry fox, then an owl, and then a snake. The mouse is good enough to eat but smart enough to know this, so he invents . . . the gruffalo! As Mouse explains, the gruffalo is a creature with terrible claws, and terrible tusks in its terrible jaws, and knobbly knees and turned-out toes, and a poisonous wart at the end of its nose. But Mouse has no worry to show. After all, there's no such thing as a gruffalo. (From Amazon)

## **I NEED MY MONSTER - AMANDA NOLL**

A unique monster-under-the-bed story with the perfect balance of giggles and shivers, this picture book relies on the power of humor over fear, appeals to a child's love for creatures both alarming and absurd, and glorifies the scope of a child's imagination. (From Scholastic)

## **MONSTER MESS - MARGERY CUYLER**

Crash, crash! Stomp, stomp! A tired monster goes up the stairs. But zzzzz, zzzzz, a boy is sound asleep. And ick, ick, his room is not so neat -- not neat enough for a monster to take a nap! So whishtt, whishtt, the monster starts to clean. (From publisher)

## **MONSTER'S NEW UNDIES - SAMANTHA BERGER**

Uh-oh! Will monster ever find the perfect pair of undies? With hilarious rhymes from the celebrated author of *Crankenstein*, Samantha Berger, and bright and innovative illustrations from Tad Carpenter, this bouncy tale of self-reliance is full of warmth and humor. (from Goodreads)

## **TODAY I'M A MONSTER - AGNES GREEN**

A cute story with a great and important message. Explains that angry feelings come and go. Doing bad things doesn't make you bad. A story is a good way to help children first recognize feelings. Learn to treat each other better as well as be more tolerating. Teaches us all that love and understanding make the difference and showers the power of a mother's love. (From Goodreads)

# BOOK LIST CONTINUED

## **MONSTERS DON'T EAT BROCCOLI - BARBARA JEAN HICKS**

In this rollicking picture book written by Barbara Jean Hicks and illustrated by Sue Hendra, monsters insist they don't like broccoli. They'd rather snack on tractors or a rocket ship or two, or tender trailer tidbits, or a wheely, steely stew. But boy do those trees they're munching on look an awful lot like broccoli. Maybe vegetables aren't so bad after all! (From publisher)

## **MY MONSTER MAMA LOVES ME SO - LAURA LEUCK**

She tucks me tightly into bed, then asks me is my spider's fed and hangs my favorite bat above me. That's how I know my mama loves me!

At once tender and funny, this monster bedtime story is guaranteed to generate giggles, tickles, and plenty of monster hugs. (From publisher)

## **NEVER TOUCH A MONSTER - ROSIE GREENING**

This monster-themed, touch-and-feel book is perfect for young children! Children will love reading the funny rhyme that tells them the dangers of touching a monster and then ignoring the advice! (from Goodreads)

## **FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM - NEWT SCAMANDER AND JK ROWLING**

An approved textbook at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry since publication, Newt Scamander's masterpiece has entertained wizarding families through the generations. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is an indispensable introduction to the magical beasts of the Wizarding World.

Scamander's years of travel and research have created a tome of unparalleled importance. Some of the beasts will be familiar to readers of the Harry Potter books - the Hippogriff, the Basilisk, the Hungarian Horntail ... Others will surprise even the most ardent amateur Magizoologist. This is an essential companion to the Harry Potter stories. (From Amazon)



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# MONSTERS LOVE STEM

## TODAY LET'S DISCOVER HOW SCIENCE WORKS WITH MONSTERS

Science and monsters do go together. Every monster needs a mad scientist... just think of Dr. Frankenstein and the monster he created.

Or what about trolls? Trolls love bridges. After reading Three Billy Goats Gruff, try your hand at building a troll worthy bridge.

The websites below give lots of information about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) projects that have a monster related theme. So discover a STEM-Monster mashup for today.

## WEBSITES FOR MONSTER AND STEM PROJECTS

### MONSTER TEA PARTY

<https://www.science-sparks.com/monster-tea-party/>

### MAGNETIC MONSTERS

<https://www.icanteachmychild.com/magnetic-monsters/>

### MONSTER MARBLE GAME

<https://confidencemeetsparenting.com/monster-marble-game/>

### MONSTER RELATED MATH AND SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

<https://artsymomma.com/m-monster-preschool-activities.html>

### MONSTER SCIENCE LAB

<https://theeducatorsspinonit.com/monster-lab-science-fun-for-kids/>

### GOOGLY MONSTER KINETIC SCULPTURE

<https://leftbraincraftbrain.com/googly-monster-automata-kinetic-sculpture/>

### "FLOAM" MONSTERS

<http://pagingfunmums.com/2013/11/14/floam-monsters-goopy-sensory-fun/>

### MONSTER MATH

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2012/10/monster-math-tray-learning-after-school.html>



# MORE MONSTER STEM FUN

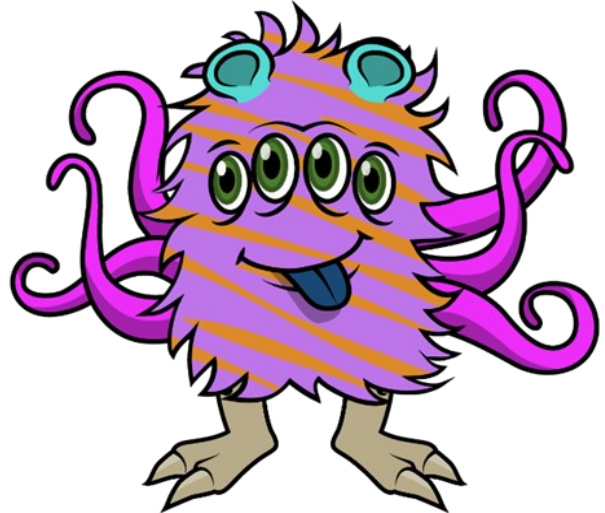
Play the Monster Maker game and learn about genomes while building your own monster. Start with the Monster Manual <https://askbiologist.asu.edu/monster-manual> to learn all about Monsters and genes.

## A MONSTER STORY

This bedtime story about brother and sister monsters explains genes and DNA to children.

The story also helps them to understand the Monster Maker Game on the ASU website. After reading the story, play the game to create a monster through decoding. You can upload the completed monster to the gallery and download your monster to print out and keep.

A Monster Story is available on the ASU Ask A Biologist website and a PDF of the story can be downloaded and printed, see the link below. Coloring pages of all your monsters can be printed from the gallery as well.



My Monster “Fred” made with ASU’s Ask A Biologist website’s Monster Maker game.

<https://askbiologist.asu.edu/monster-story>

[https://askbiologist.asu.edu/sites/default/files/side-pdf/monster\\_story\\_magcloud\\_cjk.pdf](https://askbiologist.asu.edu/sites/default/files/side-pdf/monster_story_magcloud_cjk.pdf)

## HOW TO BUILD A MONSTER

Another page on the ASU website to explain DNA and

<https://askbiologist.asu.edu/build-monster>

## MONSTER MAKER GAME

The place to make your monsters! Decode the clues to create a unique monster.

<https://askbiologist.asu.edu/monster-maker-game/>

# BOOK LIST

## **MONSTER SCIENCE: COULD MONSTERS SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN THE REAL WORLD - HELAINE BECKER**

What if the terrifying creatures of your nightmares were indeed prowling the big, wide world beyond your blankie? begins the intriguing premise of this book. Could they really exist? And if so, how?? In a completely original approach to exploring science, award-winning author Helaine Becker places six different kinds of monsters --- Frankenstein, vampires, bigfoot, zombies, werewolves and sea monsters --- under her microscope to expose the proven scientific principles behind the legends.

For example, the chapter on Frankenstein delves into how electricity and organ transplants work in the human body, and whether they could really bring someone back to life --- all presented in short, readable sections. There's also historical background on each monster, as well as trivia and jokes in sidebars, and fun quizzes at the end of every chapter for readers to test their knowledge.

Becker uses the never-ending appetite for all things monster to engage the imaginations of children and get them excited about science. The just-ghoulish-and-icky-enough illustrations by Phil McAndrew are pitch-perfect, drenched with child-friendly humor. (From Amazon)

## **ZOEY SASSAFRAS AND MOLD - ASIA CITRO**

In the second book of this series, a forest monster shows up looking for help with an embarrassing problem and Zoey is sure it will be a simple fix. But her first two tries at helping him fail and she has a sobbing monster on her hands! Will Zoey and Sassafras solve the problem in time for Gorp to go to the annual Monster Ball?

Each story in the Zoey and Sassafras series features a new magical animal with a problem that must be solved using science. There isn't a set formula for each book; Zoey sometimes needs to run experiments, while other times she needs to investigate a mystery, and yet other times she needs to do research. Zoey models how to keep a science journal through her handwritten entries in each story. Each story is complete with a glossary of the kid-friendly definitions for scientific terms used. (From Goodreads)

<https://www.zoeyandsassafras.com/resources-for-monsters-and-mold>

## **HOW TO CATCH A MONSTER - ADAM WALLACE**

Get ready to laugh as a young ninja heads into the closet to meet the monster that's been so scary night after night! But what if things aren't what they seem and our monster isn't scary at all? What if our ninja hero is about to make a friend of strangest sort?

# BOOK LIST CONTINUED

## HOW TO CATCH A MONSTER - ADAM WALLACE (CONTINUED)

If you dare to travel beyond the closet door and into the land of the monsters... you might just find the very best reward of all. But with robots, lava pie, and a smattering of traps--catching monsters is no easy business!

Is there a monster living in your closet? Are you brave enough to catch him? Parents and children will love sharing this fun and inventive picture book, which reminds us that things aren't always as scary as they seem. (From Goodreads)

## THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF - VARIOUS ADAPTATIONS

A famous Norwegian folktale that will charm any child. A mean and hungry troll lives under a bridge. He's hungry for a meal and would love to snatch and eat any goat attempting to cross his bridge.

How can the three goats get across safely? They must be clever! A wonderful children's story to read out loud in a classroom or before bedtime. (From <https://americanliterature.com>)

## MONSTER PARTY - ANNIE BACH

Monster's invited—and monster's delighted! Come and join the monster bash. There's spinning and pinning, high-fiving and jiving, and munching, crunching, and buggy-food lunching. But when it all ends, Monster must leave his fun-loving friends. There's crying and sighing—until Monster discovers a happy surprise waiting for him at home. This wacky celebration will be a hit with kids! (From Goodreads)



# MONSTERS CREATE

One of the best ways to enjoy monsters is through artwork. Draw, design, build, sculpt different monsters the way you would see them. Create lots of monsters for an entire village! There are many different ways to express your monster vision.

There are many different book on How to Draw Monsters. Look in you local library's catalog to find some of these books. When you find one (or more) that will help you create monster works of art, start drawing you very own monster. You can also draw monsters from the stories you've read this week or even today.

Another way to use art in making monsters is to find graphic novels about them. Look at the illustrations and maybe even try to create your own monster graphic novel.

## MONSTER ART PROJECTS

### PINCH POT MONSTERS

<https://www.deepspacesparkle.com/pinch-pot-monsters/>

### MONSTER FACES

<https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/monster-faces.html>

### CUT PAPER MONSTERS

<https://www.walkingbytheway.com/blog/cut-paper-monsters-art/>

### PAPER BAG MONSTERS

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2009/04/the-monster-mash.html>

### FUZZY MONSTER

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2009/09/messy-monster-craft.html>

### WATERCOLOR BLOW ART MONSTERS

<https://www.adventure-in-a-box.com/friendly-monster-watercolour-blow-art-with-straws/>



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# BOOK LIST

## **COLOR MONSTER A STORY ABOUT EMOTIONS - ANNA LLENAS**

We teach toddlers to identify colors, numbers, shapes, and letters—but what about their feelings? By illustrating such common emotions as happiness, sadness, anger, fear, and calm, this sensitive book gently encourages young children to open up with parents, teachers, and daycare providers. And kids will LOVE the bright illustrations and amazing 3-D pop-ups on every page! (From Amazon)

Coloring page for your child to express emotions of color:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/The-Color-Monster-4476202>

## **FRANKENCRAYON - MICHAEL HALL**

The crayons are ready to tell the thrilling tale of Frankencrayon. The costumes are made, the roles are cast, the pages are all set—but then disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page! Hideous! Horrifying! The story can't go on! Try as they might, the crayons can't erase the scribble, and this picture book must be canceled. Until the crayons playing the title role of Frankencrayon think of a solution, that is. Michael Hall breaks borders and invites readers behind the scenes with his irresistible, clever style and bold artwork. A book about seeing beauty in unexpected places and the magic of storytelling. (From Amazon)

Make A Frankencrayon!

[http://assetlibrary.supadu.com/images/ckfinder/687/images/Michael-Hall/FrankenCrayon\\_DA\\_5.pdf](http://assetlibrary.supadu.com/images/ckfinder/687/images/Michael-Hall/FrankenCrayon_DA_5.pdf)

## **IF YOU'RE A MONSTER AND YOU KNOW IT - REBECCA EMBERLEY AND ED EMBERLEY**

Children will stomp their paws, twitch their tails, snort and growl, and wiggle and wriggle along with this bright and bold picture book twist on "If You're Happy and You Know It." Rebecca Emberley has written a rollicking text, which she has illustrated in collaboration with her father, Caldecott Medalist Ed Emberley. (From Goodreads)

This activity uses the story and some colorful monsters:

<https://thriveafterthree.com/2013/08/22/if-youre-a-monster-and-you-know-it/>

# BOOK LIST CONTINUED

## **MONSTERS BEWARE (GRAPHIC NOVEL) - JORGE AQUIRRE**

Claudette is back AGAIN, and she's ready to kick major monster butt!

She's fought giants, clobbered dragons, and now Claudette faces her biggest challenge yet... herself! Well, that and a gang of vile monsters. It all begins when Claudette's town hosts the annual Warrior Games. After some sneaky maneuvering, Claudette manages to get herself, Marie, and Gaston chosen as her town's representatives. But none of Claudette's past battles has prepared her for this. And to make matters worse, they must stop the vicious Sea Queen and her evil children from using the Warrior Games to free the dark Wizard Grombach and conquer the world! (From publisher)

## **MARY'S MONSTER: LOVE, MADNESS, AND MARY SHELLEY CREATED FRANKENSTEIN - LITA JUDGE**

Pairing free verse with over three hundred pages of black-and-white watercolor illustrations, *Mary's Monster* is a unique and stunning biography of Mary Shelley, the pregnant teenage runaway who became one of the greatest authors of all time.

Legend is correct that Mary Shelley began penning *Frankenstein* in answer to a dare to write a ghost story. What most people don't know, however, is that the seeds of her novel had been planted long before that night. By age nineteen, she had been disowned by her family, was living in scandal with a married man, and had lost her baby daughter just days after her birth. Mary poured her grief, pain, and passion into the powerful book still revered two hundred years later, and in *Mary's Monster*, author/illustrator Lita Judge has poured her own passion into a gorgeous book that pays tribute to the life of this incredible author. (From Amazon)

## **MONSTER TROUBLE - LANE FREDRICKSON**

Nothing frightens Winifred Schnitzel—but she DOES need her sleep, and the neighborhood monsters WON'T let her be! Every night they sneak in, growling and belching and making a ruckus. Winifred constructs clever traps, but nothing stops these crafty creatures. What's a girl to do? (Hint: Monsters HATE kisses!) The delightfully sweet ending will have every kid—and little monster—begging for an encore. (From Goodreads)

# MONSTER MADNESS



Monsters are everywhere and there are lots of books written about them. Find out some of the different things monsters like to do in their everyday lives.

## BOOKS WITH RELATED CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

### LEONARDO THE TERRIBLE MONSTER - MO WILLEMS

Leonardo is truly a terrible monster-terrible at being a monster that is. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to frighten anyone. Determined to succeed, Leonardo sets himself to training and research. Finally, he finds a nervous little boy, and scares the tuna salad out of him! But scaring people isn't quite as satisfying as he thought it would be. Leonardo realizes that he might be a terrible, awful monster-but he could be a really good friend. (From Goodreads)

<https://www.theottoolbox.com/leonardo-terrible-monster-game-craft/>

### GO AWAY BIG GREEN MONSTER - ED EMBERLEY

Caldecott Award-winner Ed Emberley has created an ingenious way for children to overcome bedtime frights. As kids turn the die-cut pages of this vibrantly illustrated book, they'll watch the Big Green Monster grow before their very eyes. Then, when they're ready to show him who's in charge, they'll turn the remaining pages and watch him disappear! (From Goodreads)

<https://www.gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2015/07/paper-plate-green-monster-kid-craft.html>

### LOVE MONSTER - RACHEL BRIGHT

Love Monster is a slightly hairy monster trying to fit in with the cuddly residents of Cutesville. But it's hard to fit in with the cute and the fluffy when you're a googly-eyed monster. Love Monster sets out to find someone who will love him just the way he is. His journey is not easy; he looks high, low, and even middle-ish. But love can show up unexpectedly, in the blink of a googly eye. (From Scholastic)

<http://www.timeoutwithmom.com/2016/02/love-monster-valentines-day-craft.html>

<http://craftypammy.com/love-monster/>

# BOOK LIST

## **BEWARE THE MONSTER - MICHAEL ESCOFFIE**

Can a monster ever eat too much? Wolves, ogres, and giants have always populated children's books. That little bit of fear that they inspire is what makes storytime so exciting. In this book, young children are introduced to a ravenous monster that eats everything in its path. Apples, leaves, trees, and even cows don't stand a chance as he ploughs his way through the woods satisfying his enormous appetite. (From Amazon)

## **MONSTER BOOGIE - LAURIE BERKNER**

Laurie Berkner, "the queen of children's music" (*People*), pairs the lyrics of her infectious hit song with Ben Clanton's whimsical illustrations in this groovy and adorable picture book—a must-have for fans of Laurie, dancing, and all things monstrous! (From publisher)

## **THE VERY WORST MONSTER - PAT HUTCHINS**

When Billy Monster was born, his father said, "My son is going to grow up to be the Worst Monster in the World." However, Billy's sister Hazel proved that she was the Worst Monster in a way that older siblings can cheer. "A monstrously wonderful addition to any picture book collection." (From School Library Journal)

## **CREEPY MONSTERS, SLEEPY MONSTERS - JANE YOLEN**

Creep, gurgle, crawl, tumble! Meet two young monsters who are far from scary — they're too busy having fun. They go to school, play outside with their friends, and eat after-school snacks. But they also have a bedtime, whether or not they're ready for it! Young children and parents alike will find much to identify with as they follow these lovable little monsters getting ready for bed. With wildly colorful illustrations full of whimsy and warmth, Kelly Murphy brings Jane Yolen's gently rhyming tale to rambunctious life. (From Amazon)

## **MONSTER TRUCKS - JOY KELLER**

Monsters get to work—paving roads, plowing snow, hauling muck—with their monster trucks in this fun, rhyming picture book. With a gentle bedtime ending, this not-too-scary story is perfect for young monster and truck lovers. (From publisher)

# MONSTER CAREER DAY



## CAN YOU WORK WITH MONSTERS WHEN YOU GROW UP?

If this week of monsters has sparked interest in your child for learning about monsters in the real world, then pick up some of the books recommended for today or explore more about some of the subjects and careers listed in bold below.

Many of the books you've probably read this week have been fiction. Have you discussed what makes a book fiction or nonfiction? Today would be a great time to talk about the difference.

There are also nonfiction books about monsters, myths, and legends in various places around the world. Here in West Virginia, we have some mythical creatures too. The Braxton County or Flatwoods Monster is said to be a being from outer space that crashed in Braxton County, WV in the 1950s. Mothman is a creature said to have visited Point Pleasant, WV in the 1960s.

Other famous monsters include The Loch Ness Monster of Scotland, Bigfoot or Sasquatch of the American Pacific Northwest, the Yeti or Abominable Snowman in the Himalayan Mountains of Asia, and the sea monster the Kraken.

### CAREER EXPLORATION

To work with fictional monsters, careers as **ARTISTS, ANIMATORS, WRITERS,** and **FILMMAKERS** are excellent ways to bring creations to life. In these creative jobs, let your imagination run wild. Just don't become a Dr. Frankstein.

There are some unusual careers to explore as well. **CRYPTOZOOLOGIST** and **PARANORMAL INVESTIGATOR** are two ways to look for monsters that live in the real world... or do they? That's part of the job—to find out!

**FOLKLORE STUDIES** is an area of study that lets us learn about the different mythical and legendary creatures from all of human history. This field can be broad from ancient times to modern day.

What are some other careers where you might work with monsters? Visit the library to find books about those careers.

# BOOK LIST

## **AMAZING WORLD OF MONSTERS - FIONA McDONALD**

Explore the dark, mysterious world of monsters and discover creatures beyond your wildest imagination. This book finds the most horrible and deadly monsters in the world and investigates where they come from, their special powers and nasty habits. (From Amazon)

## **BEASTLY MONSTERS FROM DRAGONS TO GRIFFINS - KATIE MARSICO**

Ancient dragons breathed fire and gobbled up humans. Fierce mythical griffins had the heads of eagles and the bodies of lions. More recently, people have reported chupacabras drinking the blood of farm animals. These monsters and more have frightened people for centuries, and have made their way into the books, movies, and games we love. Are these beasts real or imaginary? (From Goodreads)

## **MONSTER HUNT EXPLORING MYSTERIOUS CREATURES WITH JIM ARNOSKY**

Legendary creatures such as Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster hold endless fascination for people around the globe. Do these creatures really exist? Countless eyewitnesses say yes, and scientists are discovering new animal species every year, so perhaps it isn't impossible. But how would such large animals survive? Where would they live, and what would they eat? (From Amazon)

## **THE CRYPTID HUNTERS - ROLAND SMITH**

After their parents are lost in an accident, thirteen-year old twins Grace and Marty are whisked away to live with their Uncle Wolfe—an uncle that they didn't even know they had! The intimidating Uncle Wolfe is an anthropologist who has dedicated his life to finding cryptids, mysterious creatures believed to be long extinct. (From Amazon)

## **THE MONSTER DETECTOR - ELLEN POTTER**

Grades 1-4 Any aspiring cryptozoologist would love to have a Sasquatch for a best friend, but Boone is luckier than most because he actually does. Gentle, hairy Hugo and Boone first met in *Big Foot and Little Foot* (2018), and their second adventure gets going after Hugo explores an unoccupied section of Widdershins Cavern. Guided by his new monster detector—the watchlike gadget earned by collecting Mad Marvin's Monster Cards—he finds evidence of the Green Whistler, a dreadful creature of legend. Alarming as that is, it's pushed from Hugo's mind when Boone shows up at Squidge School, asking to join Hugo's class. Funny misunderstandings ensue, but one takes a more serious turn when Hugo doesn't stick up for Boone. -- Julia Smith (Reviewed 6/14/2018) (Booklist, vol 114, number 19)

# BOOK LIST CONTINUED

## **MOVIE MONSTERS: FROM GODZILLA TO FRANKENSTEIN - KYSTYNA PORAY**

### **GODDU**

Monsters have always had the power to capture our imaginations, and movies have the power to bring those monsters to life, catapulting these fascinating creatures from idea to cultural icon. This book describes how a monster goes from our nightmares to become a lucrative franchise, and even explores a bit of the science behind the cinematic beasts. With real-life movie monster inspirations plenty of pop culture references, find out what it is that makes us so fascinated by these larger-than-life creatures. (From Goodreads)

## **TALES OF THE CRYPTIDS: MYSTERIOUS CREATURES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT EXIST - KELLY MILNER HALLS**

Gr 4-7 –Most kids love monsters, and Halls, Spears, and Young obviously had a grand time pulling up creepy critters to feed readers' fertile imaginations. From old big leaguers like Bigfoot and his kin, and Nessie and her ilk, they pop down to the minors with Mokele-mbembe and Olitu, and on into the bush leagues with the Bunyip and the Caddy.

A cryptidictionary provides a full roster of "mysterious creatures that may or may not exist" in tidy alphabetical order, complete with a "reality index" rating for each one. -Patricia Manning (Reviewed December 1, 2006) (School Library Journal, vol 52, issue 12, p163)

## **EL CHUPACABRAS - ADAM RUBIN**

A long time ago, a girl named Carla lived on a goat farm with her father, Hector. One night, a goat disappeared from the farm and turned up flat as a pancake. Only one creature could do that--El Chupacabras, the goatsucker! Legend has it that El Chupacabras is a fearsome beast, but you can't believe everything you hear...and sometimes the truth is even more interesting.

Told in equal parts English and Spanish by bestselling author Adam Rubin, and cinematically illustrated by acclaimed Hollywood creature creator Crash McCreery, this lighthearted take on a modern legend is not told in the traditional bilingual style.

Each sentence is half-Spanish/half-English followed by a repetition of the same line translated the other way around. This mirroring technique allows the languages to intermingle equally. A fun and unique way to introduce either Spanish or English to new readers. (From publisher)

# WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT MONSTERS?



— Design by All-free-download.com —

Revisit some you and your child's favorite stories about monsters from the week.

Ask some questions about the week.

What were your child's favorite books?

What were some of the best activities from the week?



Let your child tell the family stories about the monsters they read about and created during the week.

Is your child now a Book Fiend? Pledge to be one and get your certificate!

If your local library is doing book logs for the week, be sure to complete and turn in the log.

Complete the Parent/Care Giver survey and return it to your local library.



# MONSTROUS READING TIPS

## TALK

- Talk about things in the story that your child can experience in everyday life
- Let your child express ideas and thoughts about the book
- Discuss the pictures
- Do rhymes and make silly words

## ASK & EXPLAIN

- Ask questions about the images in the story, even the cover
- Wonder what might happen next
- Trace letters with you finger to teach letter recognition
- For other kids, explain the difference between fiction and nonfiction stories

## ACCESS

- Keep books in different rooms of the house
- Visit the library often
- Listen to audiobooks in the car
- Bring books along when you are in waiting rooms
- Reread favorites

## ROUTINE

- Start reading to your child as a newborn
- Read everyday
- Create a reading place
- Have time set aside for story time
- Have a weekly Library Day to find more reading material

## BE ACTIVE

- Let your child turn the pages
- Make it fun with related activities
- Draw pictures about the story
- Play make believe



WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY READ WEEK 2019

# BE A BOOK FIEND ALL YEAR LONG

**Continue using the library after WV Family Read Week.**

Make frequent trips to the library as a family and check out materials.

**Let kids and teens pick their own books and other reading materials. Picking their own titles leads to more enjoyment for pleasure reading.**

Listen to audiobooks. They are great for road trips, driving to and from school and after school activities.

**Let your kids see you reading for fun. Be a reading role model by showing the children and teens in your life the importance reading plays in everyday life.**

Read aloud to your kids. Being reading to your kids at birth. Reading aloud develops language and early literacy skills. Make sure your child's caregiver also reads to them.





# WV Family Read Week Parent Survey

My child and I read books and activities about:

- Kick off Day — There Be Monsters
- Monsters are Interesting People
- Monsters Love STEM
- Monsters Create
- Monster Madness
- Monster Career Day
- What's So Great About Monsters?

Tell us about your experience with the activities

- Easy and fun to do
- They were difficult to understand
- My child enjoyed the activities
- My child was not interested in activities

Did talking about what you're reading and the activities help you child to learn?

1

2

3

4

5

did not learn much

learned a lot

Would you participate in WV Family Read Week again?  yes  no

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Adopt a Monster

*Department of Creepy Creatures*

This is to certify that Reading Buddy Monster

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has been created and formally adopted by

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on this date \_\_\_\_\_ as a part of

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# Monster Maker: Lisa

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