

West Virginia
FAMILY READ WEEK
Family Guidebook

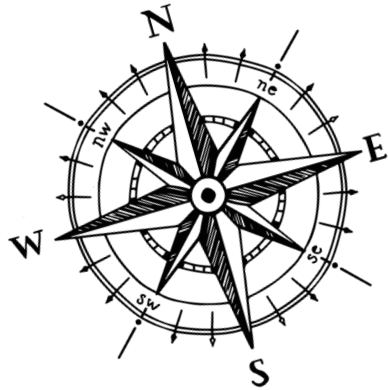
Book An Adventure



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WELCOME

This fun and exciting guidebook 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.

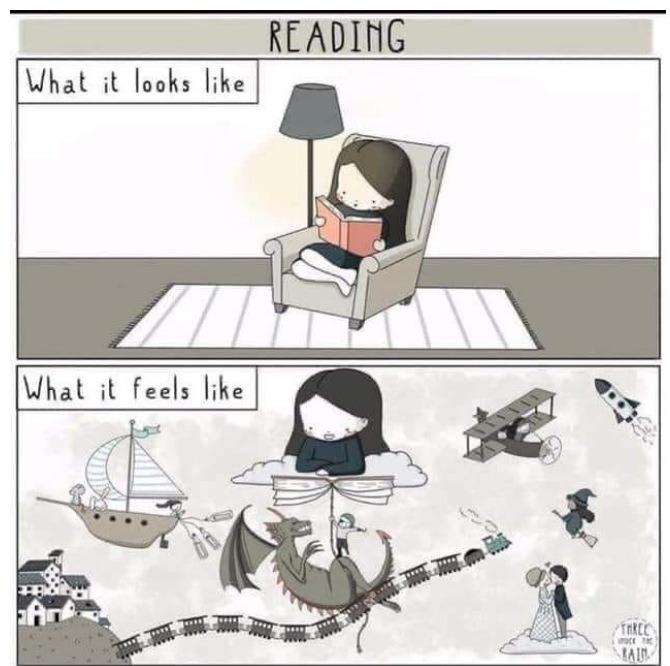
Parents and caregivers are vital role models in getting children interested in reading. Studies show when parents and caregivers talk about books and read with their children, kids develop better language skills, perform well academically, and cultivate a love for reading.

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.





Book an Adventure

2020 has been a challenging year to say the least. We've learned to socially distance from one another and have spent more time at home over the past few months. While we've had fewer opportunities to travel to destinations and locales for fun filled vacations, we can still experience these places through reading.

This year's **West Virginia Family Read Week** gives us the opportunity to journey to exotic locales, whimsical fantasy lands, and even inside and outside our house.

Inside books, we can travel to lands both real and imagined. There's no lockdown in the places reading can take us. Through books. We can go anywhere in the world, anywhere in time, or space, or to lands that only exist only in the words and images in books.

We hope you and your family take some time to explore some of these locations and journey through the worlds reading opens up to everyone. There are activities and book lists for each day of the week in this guidebook. 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 day's topic you would like and make it your own. You might even want to stay on a topic for a few days, especially if your child is enjoying it.

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.

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.

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



KICK OFF



Adventure Begins With a Library Card

The first step in your book adventure is to make sure you have a library card.

If you don't, visit your local library to sign-up.

Once you have a card, you are ready to explore the never ending locations and worlds where books can take you.

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

A few of the books listed for today include learning about maps, after all what's a traveler without a map? A fun activity after reading one of the books is to make a map of your home, child's bedroom, yard, street, etc.

In addition to a library card, you family might want to create a Reading Passport and/or Travel Journal to track the reading fun. Maybe even invite a Book Buddy to join in the adventures as well.

Reading Passports & Travel Journals

A worldly traveler needs a passport to visit locations far from home. So why not make a passport to show all of the places you've visited through books?

You can also add a travel journal to record memories of the week. Here are a couple websites to inspire you:

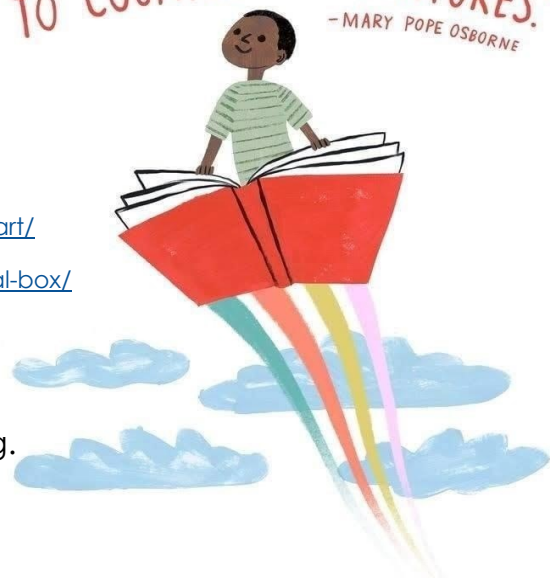
<https://artfulparent.com/guest-post-use-explorer-notebooks-for-location-inspired-art/>

<https://blossomsandbulletjournals.wordpress.com/2017/07/01/diy-notebook-cereal-box/>

Visit the WV Library Commission's Facebook page at the beginning of Family Read Week for a travel journal craft-a-log.

<https://www.facebook.com/West-Virginia-Library-Commission-122141567826218>

"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
-MARY POPE OSBORNE



BOOK BUDDY

Having a **Book Buddy** allows your child to make a friend to read to or with during the week. There are several options for a **Book Buddy**, your child can use a stuffed animal they may already adore, pick a new stuffed friend, or build a **Book Buddy** just for the week.

Book Buddies are a great way for children to boost their reading abilities.

The **Book Buddy** can even search for books it might like to read or have read to it.

Once your child has a **Book Buddy** make it an official part of West Virginia Family Read Week activities.

Older kids might enjoy having a **Book Buddy** that travels and takes photos of places. Think of the Flat Stanley Project: www.flatstanleyproject.com or this middle school English teacher's classroom pet project: <https://mrsbsbrainybunch.com/building-a-sense-of-community-in-your-middle-school-classroom/>

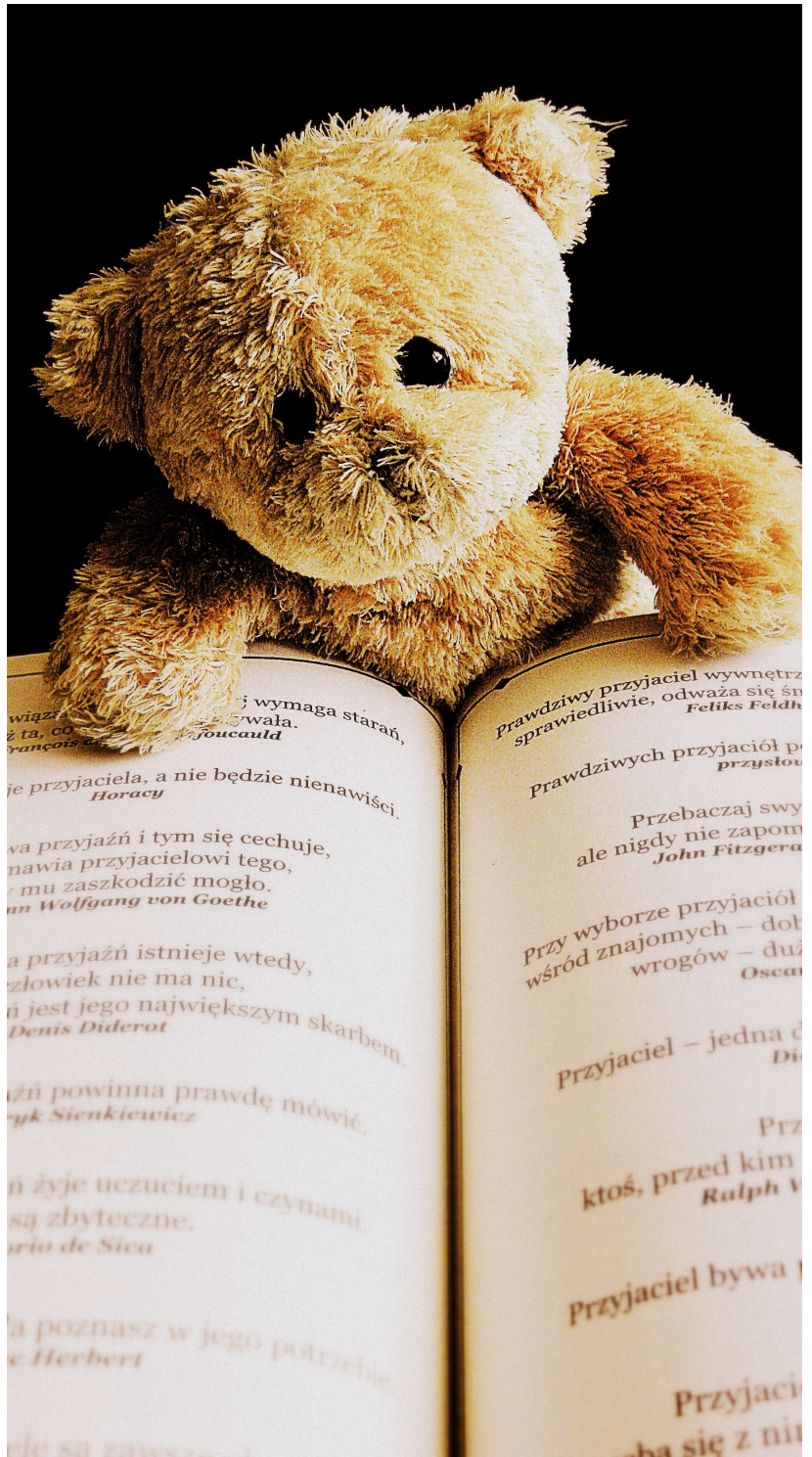
More about the benefits of Book Buddies and reading.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog-posts/alycia-zimmerman/stuffed-animals-reading-and-writing-buddies/>

<https://food.ndtv.com/health/teddy-bear-helps-your-infant-cultivate-reading-habits-1664816>

<https://parentclub.ganzworld.com/uncategorized/the-benefits-of-plush-toys/>

<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/adopt-a-stuffed-animal-for-buddy-reading/4532555/>



BOOK LIST

Oh, the Places You'll Go - by Dr. Seuss

From soaring to high heights and seeing great sights to being left in a lurch on a prickly perch, Dr. Seuss addresses life's ups and downs with his trademark humorous verse and illustrations, while encouraging readers to find the success that lies within. (from Amazon)

Flat Stanley - by Jeff Brown

Stanley Lambchop is an ordinary boy. At least he was, until the night his bulletin board fell off the wall and flattened him. All of a sudden, Stanley can slide under doors, mail himself across the country in an envelope, and fly like a kite!

But flatness has its serious side, too. Sneak thieves have been stealing paintings from the Famous Museum of Art, and Stanley knows he's the only one who can stop them. Will the robbers discover Stanley's plan before he foils theirs? (from Scholastic)

As the Crow Flies - by Gail Hartman, illustrated by Harvey Stevenson

Maps -- they help you get where you want to go. People use road maps to find their way. These maps show miles of highways that point out the right direction. But what about the crow? What kind of map does he use? Or the eagle, the rabbit, the horse, and the sea gull? What's on their maps? (from Simon & Schuster)

Me on the Map - by Joan Sweeney, illustrated by Annette Cable

In this playful introduction to maps and geography, step by simple step, a young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house, her house on the map of her street — all the way to her country on a map of the world. Once the reader is familiar with the maps, she demonstrates how readers can find their own country, state, and town — all the way back to their room — on each colorful map. (from Scholastic)

Mapping Penny's World - by Loreen Leedy

Lisa's class is learning how to make maps. The teacher says they can make maps of anyplace, so Lisa starts with her bedroom. Her dog, Penny, helps with the map. This gives Lisa an idea. Why not map Penny's world? (from Scholastic)

BOOK LIST

Mapping Sam - by Joyce Hesselberth

An adventurous cat named Sam explores her neighborhood at night in this gorgeously illustrated book. Informational, beautiful, and deeply moving, *Mapping Sam* is both a book about how maps work and an engaging, character-driven story. The book features a page of background information as well as various maps and map terms throughout. (from Harper Collins)

The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid- written by Dylan Thuras, Rosemary Mosco, and Joy Ang

For curious kids, this is the chance to embark on the journey of a lifetime—and see how faraway countries have more in common than you might expect! Hopscotch from country to country in a chain of connecting attractions: Explore Mexico's glittering cave of crystals, then visit the world's largest cave in Vietnam. Peer over a 355-foot waterfall in Zambia, then learn how Antarctica's Blood Falls got their mysterious color. Or see mysterious mummies in Japan and France, then majestic ice caves in both Argentina and Austria. (from Amazon)

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - by Kate DiCamillo

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the top of a garbage heap to the fireside of a hobos camp, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. (from www.katedicamillo.com/books/edward.htm)

Around the World in 80 Days - by Jules Verne

Around the World in Eighty Days the classic adventure novel published in 1873. In the story, Phileas Fogg of London and his newly employed French valet Passepartout attempt to circumnavigate the world in 80 days on a £20,000 wager (roughly £1.6 million today) set by his friends at the Reform Club. (from Amazon)

WV & THE USA

Wild, Wonderful Readers

Traveling doesn't mean you have to go far, far away. You can start your travels right in your own community. Almost every day you travel somewhere—to school, to a store, to after school activities, to your best friend's house, or the library.

If you read some of the books listed for the first day of **Family Read Week**, you probably noticed there's a lot to explore in you backyard, home, and neighborhood.

Today, we want to find some of the interesting places in West Virginia. If you could visit a location in the state, where would it be? Take a look at today's book list to find something to read that is about West Virginia.



Reading U.S.A

West Virginia is one of the 50 states that make up the United States of America. It became a state in 1863 making it number 35 among the 50.

The US is a large country on the continent of North America. It is the fourth largest country in the world, covering 3.8 million square miles in land.

The national capitol is located in the District of Columbia.

There are many places to visit in in the US. Big cities like New York, Chicago, Los Angeles. Or National Parks like Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, the Smoky Mountains for example.

What would be some interesting sites you could see if you traveled across the US? Find a book about one of them.

BOOK LIST

M is for Mountain State - by Mary Ann McCabe Ruehle, illustrated by Laura J. Bryant

With its multitude of mountains and the highest elevation east of the Rockies, it's no wonder West Virginia's nickname is the "Mountain State." Abundant natural resources make it a leader in both industry and recreation, from glassmaking to rock climbing. Historic sites and sights include Harper's Ferry and the annual Native American Pow Wow, along with Lost World Caverns and White Sulphur Springs. Noteworthy West Virginians include Chuck Yeager and Olympian Mary Lou Retton. (from Good Reads)

More Than Anything Else- by Marie Bradby, illustrated by Chris Socontpiet

A fictionalized story about the life of young Booker T. Washington. Living in a West Virginia settlement after emancipation, nine-year-old Booker travels by lantern light to the salt works, where he labors from dawn till dusk. Although his stomach rumbles, his real hunger is his intense desire to learn to read. (from Scholastic)

Star Fisher - by Laurence Yep

Here is the true account of the author's Chinese mother and her family's struggle to find respect in a small West Virginian town. In 1927, 15-year-old Joan Lee, a U.S. citizen, and her family move from Ohio to West Virginia to open a laundry business. Joan and her siblings speak English, but her parents only know Chinese. When they arrive in town, they are harassed by a family of white bigots, and welcomed by a kind landlord. Joan believes her desire for respect and acceptance mirrors the Chinese legend of the star fisher — a creature that sees with two sets of eyes. Joan sees life as an Asian and as an American. (from Scholastic)

Passing Down the Music - by Sarah Sullivan, illustrated by Barry Root

A young boy travels to the hills of Appalachia to meet the old-time fiddle player whose music he has admired, and so sparks a friendship that will forge a bond between generations. The boy develops under the man's care and instruction, just as seedlings grow with spring rain and summer sun. From playing on the front porch to performing at folk festivals, the two carry on the tradition of passing the music down. (from Penguin Random House)

The Little Farmhouse in West Virginia - by Ginny Yurich

This book is an offshoot of the 1000 Hours Outside movement, a movement I (author) created in 2013 that challenges parents to match outside time with screen time over the course of a calendar year. Some time back I asked a question to adults on social media about where their love for nature began. The responses were endearing and inspiring. This book is my response to that question. (from Amazon)

BOOK LIST

From Miss Ida's Porch - written by Sandra Belton and illustrated by Floyd Cooper

Miss Ida's porch is a place where adults recall their past and where the youngsters love to listen in. On one perfect night, tales are told about two great African-American performers-- Duke Ellington, who stayed at Mrs. Lomax's house when he was shut out of whites only hotels, and Marian Anderson, whose two historic concerts in Washington, D.C., testified to the power of the civil rights movement. (from Good Reads)

How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A- by Marjorie Priceman

Our young baker sets her sights on a cherry pie. She heads off on a round-the-U.S.A. journey to find all the materials she needs to stock her kitchen: New Mexico for clay (mixing bowl), Washington for wood (rolling pin), Hawaii for sand (sand? to make the glass for her measuring cup, of course). In joyful art filled with small vignettes and sly humor, two-time Caldecott Honor winner Marjorie Priceman takes us on a cross country journey by riverboat, taxi, bus, train, plane—all in search of the natural resources of our country. Includes a brightly painted endpaper map of the U.S.A.—and a recipe for cherry pie, of course! (from Amazon)

The Scrambled States of America - by Laurie Keller

At the first annual "states party," Virginia and Idaho hatch a plan to swap spots so each can see another part of the country. Before the party is over, all the states decide to switch places. In the beginning, every state is happy in its new location. But soon things start to go wrong. Will the states ever unscramble themselves and return to their proper places? Packed with madcap humor and whimsical illustrations, this quirky story-starring all fifty states-is chock-full of introductory facts and silly antics that will make learning geography as much fun as taking a vacation. (from Good Reads)

"A" is for Abigail - by Lynne Cheney, illustrated by Robin Priess Glasser

A Is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women and bring the great women of American history to life. Filled to the brim with words and pictures that celebrate the remarkable achievements of American women, this is a book to relish and to read again and again. Mothers, daughters, schoolchildren, and generations of families will take Abigail Adams's words to heart and "remember the ladies" once they read the stories of these astonishing, astounding, amazing American women. (from Simon and Schuster)

GLOBAL READS



**“ Reading gives us someplace to go
when we have to stay where we are.”**
Mason Cooley

No need to pack a bag, make an itinerary, or take an airplane flight, just open a book and be transported to anywhere in the world. You can still wear your fuzzy slippers and pjs too!

Since there is nothing stopping you from traveling the globe, think about some of the places you would love to explore. You can visit all seven continents, the Seven Wonders of the World, and more.

Where would you like to go today? Select a book and see what adventures await in another country.

The Adventures of Bella and Harry books series has some fun activities available for download. Bella and Harry also love to travel the world and learn about cultures.

[Coloring Sheets](#)

[Word Search Puzzles](#)

BOOK LIST

Africa Is Not a Country - by Margy Burns Knight, illustrated by Anne Sibley O'Brien

Enter into the daily life of children in the many countries of modern Africa. Countering stereotypes, *Africa Is Not a Country* celebrates the extraordinary diversity of this vibrant continent as experienced by children at home, at school, at work, and at play. (from Amazon)

Madeline - by Ludwig Bemelmans

Madeline is one of the best-loved characters in children's literature. Set in picturesque Paris, this tale of a brave little girl's trip to the hospital was a Caldecott Honor Book in 1940 and has as much appeal today as it did then. The combination of a spirited heroine, timelessly appealing art, cheerful humor, and rhythmic text makes Madeline a perennial favorite with children of all ages. (from Goodreads)

Paddington - by Michael Bond, illustrated by R.W. Alley

A small bear from Darkest Peru sets out on an adventure of a lifetime. With nothing but a suitcase, several jars of marmalade, and a label around his neck that read, "Please Look After This Bear," he stowed away on a ship headed for faraway England. When the little bear arrived at London's busy Paddington Station, he was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. As luck would have it, the Browns were just the sort of people to welcome a lost bear into their family. (from Amazon)

Angel in Beijing - by Belle Yang

In busy Beijing, New Year's Eve firecrackers scare a stray white cat into the courtyard of a young girl. The two become fast friends, riding the girl's bike through the city and seeing all kinds of people and things. *Trrring-trrring!* the girl chimes with her bicycle bell. *Niaow-niaow!* answers Kitty. On the day of the Dragon Boat Festival, the girl and the cat watch the kites soaring above crowded, chaotic Tiananmen Square. Kitty is enthralled by the enormous, colorful dragon kite, and she leaps to catch it as it sails up into the sky — taking Kitty with it and carrying her out of sight! The girl searches the city, visiting all their favorite spots and ringing her bell along the way, but Kitty is nowhere to be found. Will the two ever be reunited? Or could another unexpected friendship be in store — for both of them? (from Penguin Random House)

BOOK LIST

Peak - by Roland Smith

After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life. (from Goodreads)

Thea Stilton and the Cherry Blossom Adventure: A Geronimo Stilton Adventure - Thea Stilton

In this exciting adventure, the Thea Sisters are off to Japan on a cultural exchange program. While they're busy exploring Kyoto and admiring the beautiful cherry blossoms, a valuable doll is stolen from a wealthy Japanese collector. Will the five mice be able to track down the doll and catch the thief? Readers will love following the clues to help the Thea Sisters solve the mystery. (from Amazon)

Up and Down the Andes: A Peruvian Festival Tale - by Laurie Krebs

This rhyming text travels from Lake Titicaca all the way to the city of Cusco for the marvelous Inti Raymi Festival. Young readers will meet children from many areas of southern Peru who are traveling to the festival, each using a different mode of transportation. Includes useful notes on the history and culture of Peru. (from Amazon)

Love and Roast Chicken - by Barbara Knutson

One day, high in the Andes Mountains, Cuy the Guinea Pig is searching for wild spinach to eat when Tío Antonio the Fox comes in search of Cuy to eat! Tío Antonio thinks he's found dinner, but crafty Cuy has other plans. Quick-witted Cuy fools Tío Antonio not once, but three times! Combining striking wood block artwork with an authentic South American voice, this sly trickster tale shows that clever thinking is key when you're out-foxing the fox. (from Scholastic)

INTERGALACTIC JOURNEYS

"Space is for everybody. It's not just for a few people in science or math, or for a select group of astronauts. That's our new frontier out there, and it's everybody's business to know about space."

Christa McAuliffe

Would you like to take flight aboard a space ship and visit strange planets? Would you like to see different plants, animals, and terrains? Do you want to meet different beings on these planets?

While humans in 2020 are many years from real intergalactic voyages to see these types of locations, there are great books to explore the possibilities of such planets and creatures.

Here on Earth, you still can become an astronaut with an exciting career of space travel. Besides being an astronaut, you can study the stars and planets with your feet firmly on Earth as an aerospace engineer, physicist, astronomer, and robotic engineer just to name a few career paths.

Before you decide to head off into the wild blue yonder to explore different planets or design rocket ships to launch others into space, sit down here on Earth and find some interesting tales of from other galaxies.



BOOK LIST

The Girl Who Named Pluto- by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by Elizabeth Haidle

When Venetia Burney's grandfather reads aloud from the newspaper about a new discovery—a “ninth major planet” that has yet to be named—her eleven-year-old mind starts whirring. She is studying the planets in school and loves Roman mythology. “It might be called Pluto,” she says, thinking of the dark underworld. Grandfather loves the idea and contacts his friend at London's Royal Astronomical Society, who writes to scientists at the Lowell Observatory in Massachusetts, where Pluto was discovered. After a vote, the scientists agree unanimously: Pluto is the perfect name for the dark, cold planet. (from Penguin Random House)

Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil DeGrasse Tyson - by Kathleen Krull & Paul Brewer, illustrated by Frank Morrison

Young Neil deGrasse Tyson was starstruck when he first visited the sky theater at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City. He couldn't believe the crowded, glittering night sky at the planetarium was real—until a visit to the country years later revealed the impossible. That discovery was like rocket fuel for Neil's passion about space. His quest for knowledge took him from the roof of his apartment building to a science expedition in northwest Africa, to a summer astronomy camp beneath a desert sky, and finally back home to become the director of the Hayden Planetarium, where it all began. Before long, Neil became America's favorite guide to the cosmos. This story of how one boy's quest for knowledge about space leads him to become a star astrophysicist is perfect for young readers who are fascinated by the universe, aspiring scientists, and the dreamer in all of us. It will ignite your own sense of wonder. (from Penguin Random House)

Mousetronaut - by Mark Kelly, illustrated by C.F. Payne

Astronaut Mark Kelly flew with “mice-tronauts” on his first spaceflight aboard space shuttle *Endeavour* in 2001. *Mousetronaut* tells the story of a small mouse that wants nothing more than to travel to outer space. The little mouse works as hard as the bigger mice to show readiness for the mission . . . and is chosen for the flight! While in space, the astronauts are busy with their mission when disaster strikes—and only the smallest member of the crew can save the day. With lively illustrations by award-winning artist C. F. Payne, *Mousetronaut* is a charming tale of perseverance, courage, and the importance of the small! (from Amazon)

BOOK LIST

Max Goes to Jupiter - by Jeffery O. Bennett, Nick Schneider, Erica Ellingson, illustrated by Michael Carroll

Scientifically-accurate illustrations and information-packed sidebars enrich this fascinating tale. Set in the future, Max the Dog's friend Tori is all grown up and is the chief scientist of the Jupiter Mission. In order to reach their spacecraft, Max and his crew must take an amazing ride on a new device called the Space Elevator. Once they've probed the planet's atmosphere, Max and friends begin exploring two of Jupiter's moons. On Europa, Max once again saves the day by locating a weak spot in the ice to launch a submarine and explore the ocean below. (from Amazon)

Chasing Space: An Astronaut's Story of Grit, Grace, and Second Chances - by Leland Melvin

In this moving memoir, a former NASA astronaut and NFL wide receiver shares his journey from the gridiron to the stars, examining the intersecting roles of community, perseverance and grace that align to create the opportunities for success. Leland Melvin is the only person in human history to catch a pass in the NFL and in space. While training with NASA, Melvin suffered a severe injury that left him deaf. Leland was relegated to earthbound assignments, but chose to remain and support his astronaut family. His loyalty paid off. Recovering partial hearing, he earned his eligibility for space travel. He served as mission specialist for two flights aboard the shuttle *Atlantis*, working on the International Space Station. (from Amazon)

Once a Upon a Starry Night - by Jacqueline Mitton, illustrated by Christina Balit

Take an illuminating ride through the starry night sky, and learn how the heavens pay tribute to the gods of Greek and Roman mythology. *Once Upon a Starry Night* explains the ten ancient figures whose legends are written large across the universe. (from Goodreads)

The Three Little Aliens & the Big Bad Robot - by Margaret McMamara, illustrated by Mark Fearing,

Greep...boink...meep! The three little aliens are happily settling into their new homes when the Big Bad Robot flies in to crack and smack and whack their houses down! A chase across the solar system follows in this out-of-this-world version of the classic Three Little Pigs tale. This humorous and visually stunning story that kids will adore also introduces them to the planets and the solar system. (from Scholastic)

IMAGINARY VOYAGES



“Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were, but without it we go nowhere.”

Carl Sagan

Not only do books take you to locations that are real, they can take you to places that could never exist other than in their pages. For this day of our journey, we travel to places that aren't really anywhere other than in our imagination.

Today let's find places that aren't real but a lot of fun to visit anyway. What are some of your favorite imaginary lands to visit? Do you want to go with Alice and see what's down the rabbit hole? Or would you rather journey to lands with dragons, elves, and other mythical creatures?

Travel to a favorite land of make believe and remember to get a few passport stamps for your travel journal!

BOOK LIST

The Hobbit - by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum. (from Amazon)

Not Quite Narwhal - by Jessie Sima

Growing up in the ocean, Kelp has always assumed that he was a narwhal like the rest of his family. Sure, he's always been a little bit different—his tusk isn't as long, he's not as good of a swimmer, and he really doesn't enjoy the cuisine. Then one night, an extra strong current sweeps Kelp to the surface, where he spots a mysterious creature that looks just like him! Kelp discovers that he and the creature are actually unicorns. (from Scholastic)

Where The Mountain Meets The Moon - by Grace Lin

In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man of the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. (from Scholastic)

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - by L. Frank Baum

Journey to the spectacular land of Oz. follow the adventures of young Dorothy Gale and her dog, Toto, as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in a strange land called Oz. Here she meets the Munchkins and joins the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey to the Emerald City, where lives the all-powerful Wizard of Oz. (from Amazon)

Journey - by Aaron Becker

A lonely girl draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and through it escapes into a world where wonder, adventure, and danger abound. Red marker in hand, she creates a boat, a balloon, and a flying carpet that carry her on a spectacular journey toward an uncertain destiny. When she is captured by a sinister emperor, only an act of tremendous courage and kindness can set her free. (from Good Reads)

BOOK LIST

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - by Lewis Carroll

After a tumble down the rabbit hole, Alice finds herself far away from home in the absurd world of Wonderland. As mind-bending as it is delightful, Lewis Carroll's 1865 novel is pure magic for young and old alike. (from Amazon)

Peter Pan - by J.M. Berrie, illustrated by Michael Hague

Peter Pan, the mischievous boy who refuses to grow up, lands in the Darling's proper middle-class home to look for his shadow. He befriends Wendy, John and Michael and teaches them to fly (with a little help from fairy dust). He and Tinker Bell whisk them off to Never-land where they encounter the Red Indians, the Little Lost Boys, pirates and the dastardly Captain Hook. (from Goodreads)

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

Open the door and enter a new world! *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* is the second book in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series, which has been captivating readers of all ages with a magical land and unforgettable characters. This is a stand-alone read, but if you would like to discover more about Narnia, pick up *The Horse and His Boy*, the third book in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. (from Amazon)

Where the Wild Things Are - by Maurice Sendak

When Max dresses in his wolf suit and causes havoc in the house, his mother sends him to bed. From there, Max sets sail to an island inhabited by the Wild Things, who name him king and share a wild rumpus with him. But then from far away across the world, Max smells good things to eat. (from Amazon)

Coraline - by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean

The day after they moved in, Coraline went exploring. In Coraline's family's new flat are twenty-one windows and fourteen doors. Thirteen of the doors open and close. The fourteenth is locked, and on the other side is only a brick wall, until the day Coraline unlocks the door to find a passage to another flat in another house just like her own. At first, things seem marvelous in the other flat. The food is better. The toy box is filled with wind-up angels that flutter around the bedroom, books whose pictures writhe and crawl and shimmer, little dinosaur skulls that chatter their teeth. But there's another mother, and another father, and they want Coraline to stay with them and be their little girl. (from Good Reads)



**“900 years of time and space and
I’ve never met someone who wasn’t
important.”**

The 11th Doctor

Wouldn't it be interesting to not only visit a different place, but to visit a different time period? People have been dreaming of traveling back to the past for a long time through stories about time machines. These machines haven't been created by real scientists, yet, but authors have been using time machines to carry characters to the past for centuries.

There is another way to experience time travel for real—with history. History tells us stories from the past. Many times those stories are told to us by the very people who lived it. Through journals and other writings, people continue to communicate with generations and generations of inhabitants of the future.

Are you still adding exciting things about the stories and places from this week to the journal? Be sure to add some drawings of the places, people, and things from the books and stories you've read this week. Maybe someday someone in the future will find that travel journal and learn more about the fun you had reading with your family this week.

BOOK LIST

Time Traveling with a Hamster - by Ross Welford

On his twelfth birthday, Al Chaudhury receives a letter from his dead father. It directs him to the bunker of their old house, where Al finds a time machine (an ancient computer and a tin bucket). The letter also outlines a mission: travel back to 1984 and prevent the go-kart accident that will eventually take his father's life. But as Al soon discovers, whizzing back thirty years requires not only imagination and courage, but also lying to your mom, stealing a moped, and setting your school on fire—oh, and keeping your pet hamster safe. (from Penguin Random House)

A Wrinkle in Time - by Madeleine L'Engle

It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem. (from Amazon)

Dinosaurs Before Dark - by Mary Pope Osborne, illustrated by Sal Murdocca

Where did the tree house come from? Before Jack and Annie can find out, the mysterious tree house whisks them to the prehistoric past. Now they have to figure out how to get home. Can they do it before dark, or will they become a dinosaur's dinner?← This is Jack and Annie's very first fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade series *The Magic Tree House*! (from Scholastic)

Knights of the Kitchen Table - by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Jon Scieszka, & Lane Smith

Magician Uncle Joe's birthday present entitled "The Book" swirls green mist and grants pal Fred's wish to "see knights and all that stuff for real", sending Sir Joe the Magnificent, Sir Fred the Awesome, and Sir Sam the Unusual to King Arthur's castle opposing the Black Knight, grossly smelly giant Bleob, and fire-breathing leather-winged iron-clawed green dragon Smaug. Fred plays tag and wields a baseball bat. Sam cleverly politicks. Joseph Arthur tricks with cards. But Merlin has "The Book" to get home. (from Goodreads)

BOOK LIST

The Watsons Go to Birmingham - by Christopher Paul Curtis

Enter the hilarious world of 10-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. There's Momma, Dad, little sister Joetta, and brother Byron, who's 13 and an "official juvenile delinquent." When Momma and Dad decide it's time for a visit to Grandma, Dad comes home with the amazing Ultra-Glide, and the Watsons set out on a trip like no other. They're heading South. They're going to Birmingham, Alabama, toward one of the darkest moments in America's history. (from Scholastic)

Johnny Tremain - by Ester Hoskins Forbes

The Winner of the 1944 Newbery Medal is one of the finest historical novels ever written for children. Read this riveting novel is to live through the defining events leading up to the American Revolutionary War. Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper, *The Boston Observer*, and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington. (from Amazon)

Henry's Freedom Box - by Ellen Levine, illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom (from Amazon)

The Unbreakable Code - by Sara Hoagland Hunter, illustrated by Julia Miner

John's mother is getting married and he has to leave the reservation. John's grandfather tells him he has the special unbreakable code to take with him. This story portrays the quiet pride of a Navajo code talker as he explains to his grandson how the Navajo language, faith and ingenuity helped win World War II. (from Amazon)

WELCOME BACK



All good things must come to an end, unfortunately. This is the last day of **Family Read Week**. We hope that your family enjoyed the journeys and adventures from the week. And that everyone will continue to read and visit your local public library.

You can revisit some of your favorite locations today or check out somewhere that you didn't get to visit during the regular week.

Retell some of the favorite stories for the family or to other members of the family that didn't read the story.

Visit your local public library to find more books to read next week and beyond to keep up the habit of reading.

Complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey and return it to your local public library.

We hope you enjoyed this week of adventure and visiting the **places your library card** can take you! Please join us next year for **West Virginia Family Read Week**.

WV FAMILY READ WEEK

PARENT SURVEY

My child and I read books and activities about:

- ☐ Kick off Day
- ☐ West Virginia & The USA
- ☐ Global Readers Travel from Home
- ☐ Intergalactic Travel
- ☐ Imaginary Voyages
- ☐ Time Travel

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?

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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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