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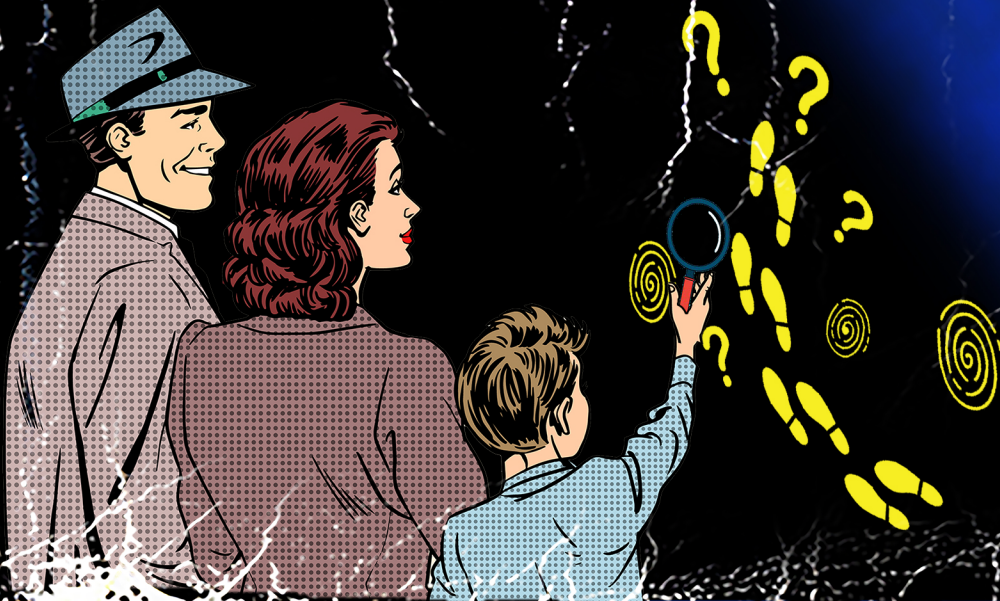
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West Virginia
FAMILY READ WEEK

MYSTERIES SOLVED AT THE LIBRARY

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Welcome

We are excited to offer this toolkit for West Virginia Family Read Week to libraries. The theme for the week, Mysteries, is to help you plan activities and to generate more interest among patrons.

Promote the Family Guidebook often as possible. There is a downloadable PDF at the WVLC website. It provides materials for activities, crafts, book lists, and more to let families explore, discover, and create a week full of adventurous fun.

Whether you have an already established WV Family Read Week plan or want to give it a try this year, let's get families excited about the week!

Here's what is included in the Library Toolkit:

Sample News Release – a simple news release explaining the week. Editable Word document available as a Google Doc.

Social media – suggested hashtags to use and sample social media posts.
Virtual Story Time – video links to virtual read alouds featuring titles from the Family Guidebook book list.

Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children – a quick visual touting the benefits of reading aloud to children.

Reading Tips – pdf will be available to post on your social media accounts. There is also a copy of it in the WVFRW Family Guidebook.

Social Media

Sample Posts:

* Download the #WVFamilyReadWeek activity booklet here: [add link] or visit the library for more about reading with your family this week. #WVFamiliesRead

* Unlock a Mystery during West Virginia Family Read Week, November 14-20 [attach an image of the WV Family Read Poster] #WVFamiliesRead #WVFamilyReadWeek

* This November solve the case of the missing Library Card. Join us for #WVFamilyReadWeek November 14-20 [attach an image of the WV Family Read Poster]

* How many mysteries can you have without leaving your house? Find out with a library card from [LIBRARY NAME] #WVFamiliesRead #WVFamilyReadWeek

* Ask us about how to solve the case of the missing Library Card! #WVFamiliesRead #WVFamilyReadWeek

* Don't forget to share your family's reading adventures. #WVFamiliesRead #WVFamilyReadWeek

* Reading Tips [attach Reading Tips pdf] #WVFamiliesRead #WVFamilyReadWeek

* Read All Year Long [attach Book an Adventure All Year Long pdf] #WVFamiliesRead #WVFamilyReadWeek

West Virginia Family Read Week
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 your finger to teach letter recognition

· For older 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

BE ACTIVE
Let your child turn the pages

· Make it fun with related activities

· Draw pictures about the story

· Play make believe

ROUTINE

· Start reading to your child as a newborn

· Read everyday and have a time set aside for story time

· Create a reading place

· Have a weekly Library Day to find more reading material

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Ideas

Clue, the Board Game, in the Library
https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/projects/trc/2012/manual/marianlibrarian.html

Escape Rooms in the Library
https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=digital-escape-rooms-home-librarian

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPV5Es2SGKjwWG6pfV30-2j4feM257AW0A3M8Nbsks5ZDpUQ/viewform

Games
https://peachypartygames.com/printable-mystery-games/

Choose Your Own Adventure
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vX9R1LX-3VrtxJkQRQ0r9UJTQOLnksZ6aVGCAm3KODw/edit#slide=id.g5a828c567_0_99

MYSTERY

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