

# Families and Literacy

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The goal of the Families and Literacy Committee of the WSRA is to develop and carry out plans which convey to parents the value of involvement in reading activities with children.

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## Family Reading Fun

Reading everyday is important, but it is especially important over the summer. Kids who don't read experience the "summer slide". These kids actually lose some of the reading skills that they learned during the school year. So how do you motivate your child to hit the books over the summer? Read on to find a few ideas.

\*Start a neighborhood book club. Grab a few friends and choose a book to read together. Meet every few weeks to discuss the books and socialize.

\*Have a family book club.

Can't find any friends to join your book club? Try your family. Read a book as a family and discuss your thoughts. If there is a video version, watch it and compare it to the book.

\*Pair a book with a project. For example, read The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Then make a fruit salad using the fruits that the caterpillar ate in the story.

\*Have a book picnic. Take a blanket outside and read under a tree. Have a snack while you read.

Make it fun and keep them reading all summer long!

## Meet the Author

### Suzanne Collins

Suzanne Collins began her writing career writing for children's television. She has been a writer for Nickelodeon and Scholastic Entertainment. While writing for a Kids WB show, she was encouraged to write books for children. Her first book, Gregor the Overlander, is her first book in the series The Underland Chronicles. Her next series, The Hunger Games Trilogy, has become an international best seller. Ms. Collins lives in Connecticut with her family and is working on a new picture book. You can learn more about the author by checking out her website [www.suzannecollinsbooks.com](http://www.suzannecollinsbooks.com).



## Website Spotlight

Kids of all ages enjoy having books read to them. What could be better than Mom or Dad reading a story aloud? How about a celebrity?

Go to [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net) and choose a story to have read by a celebrity. Brought to you by The Screen Actors Guild, this site is sure to entertain!

### Literacy Tip

Want to stay busy reading all summer long? Try reading all the books in a series. Like the Hunger Games? Try reading the whole trilogy. Get a friend to read them too and you'll have someone to discuss them with!