

TD
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2026

Pre-Readers



Welcome to the

2026 TD Summer Reading Club

Hello, Grownups!

It's never too early to start reading with your little one. **Play, talk, sing, write and read** with your child every day to build language skills and help them become a reader.

Use activities in this notebook and online to help your child dive into reading this summer!

The TD Summer Reading Club gratefully acknowledges that this information is adapted from the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read® program.



Downloadable versions of this notebook are available in e-text, OpenDyslexic font, audio and braille. Need more info? Ask library staff, scan the QR code or check out tdsummerreadingclub.ca/about-the-club/accessibility

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Dive into a world of fun online!



This notebook belongs to: 

My online username is:

Stick or write your web access code here:

Tip: choose a username that does not include any kind of real name! Need some ideas? Create a combination of some of the words below!

anemone sandy wavy shimmer axolotl
jellyfish squishy eel electric spike
crab squid surfer dolphin aqua swirl
splash dazzling bloop kelp narwhal
star sparkle rainbow iridescent infinite
captain coral

Hey, grownups—the Club isn't just for kids!

You can create an account for yourself too! A linked parent account allows some access to your child's account, especially in the case of a lost password. Scan the QR code to learn more about parent/caregiver accounts.



Spot these images throughout the notebook!



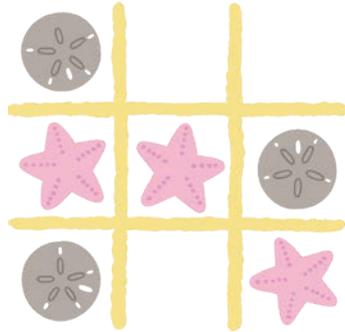
Ways to Raise a Reader



PLAY

Pre-readers learn about the world through play, which helps in understanding stories

Play “Red Light, Green Light” next time you’re with your child. Call out, “Green light–GO!” when facing away from them to tell them to move toward you. Then say, “Red light–STOP!” to stop them as you turn to face them. Alternate between the two commands until you offer your child a big hug! This is a fun way to practise listening and respecting personal space.



SING

Singing together increases awareness of the sounds of words

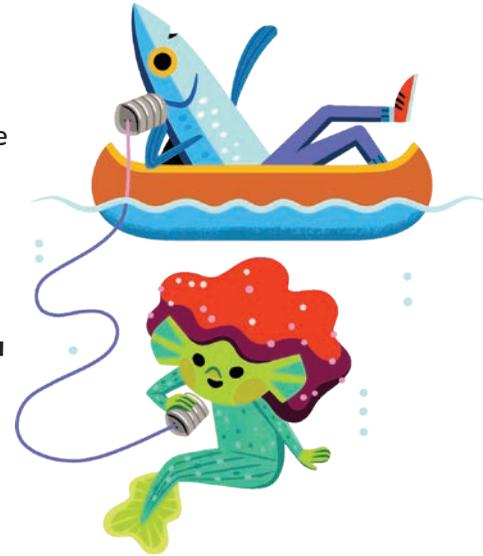
Sea shanties were work songs often sung by sailors. Make your own shanty by singing or signing the steps of a routine. Be repetitive–this helps establish sounds and processes.



TALK

Pre-readers learn about language by listening or watching you talk and joining in the conversation

You and your child are two creatures meeting in the ocean for the first time. How would you communicate? Use movements, facial expressions or sounds to create some new words in your underwater language.



WRITE

Writing helps pre-readers learn that letters and words stand for sounds and that printed text has meaning

Use an ice cube (alone or frozen onto a popsicle stick) or even a damp towel to “write” cold letters or simple shapes on each other’s arms. Practise some chilly “C”s and tingly triangles! See how many letters or shapes your child can identify and create. Too cold or too much? Try this on paper together instead.



READ

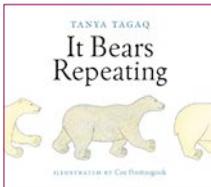
Shared reading is the most effective way to help children become good readers

Let your child's name guide the way!
Choose books that begin with each letter from your child's name. Challenge them to spot that specific letter as many times as they can throughout the text.

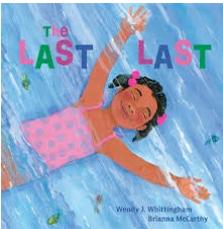
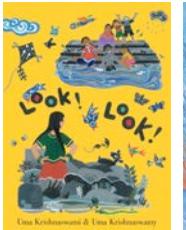


We recommend

You can access e-books, audiobooks, and more book recommendations on tdsummerreadingclub.ca



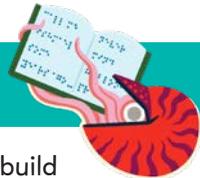
- **Sea Snooze**
by Sarabeth Holden and Emma Pedersen
- **It Bears Repeating**
by Tanya Tagaq and Cee Pootoogook



- **Look! Look!**
by Uma Krishnaswami and Uma Krishnaswami
- **The Last Last**
by Wendy J. Whittingham and Brianna McCarthy

Reading is for everybody

Reading can be done in so many ways—and they all help build lifelong literacy skills. Library staff can help you find books in accessible formats, like audiobooks, e-books, braille and printbraille picture books. For a selection of summer reads, visit celalibrary.ca.



Can you cross them all off this summer?

Read a book with a sea creature in it

Sing a favourite song together

Read a rhyming book together

Discover a new spot in your home to read a book together

Read to a favourite stuffed animal or toy

Laugh at a silly joke together

Listen to an audiobook or try a tactile book together

Write a message to a favourite book character

Find three items around your home that might use water

"Read" a book with few or no words

Learn a fact about an animal that lives in or near water

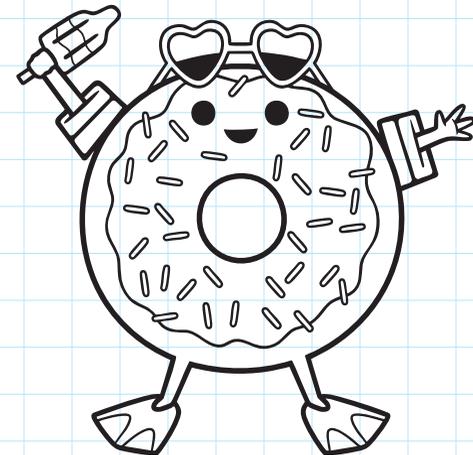
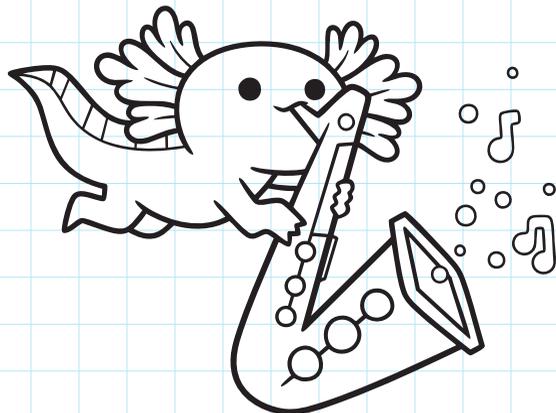
Read a story together before bed

Summer Reading Adventures

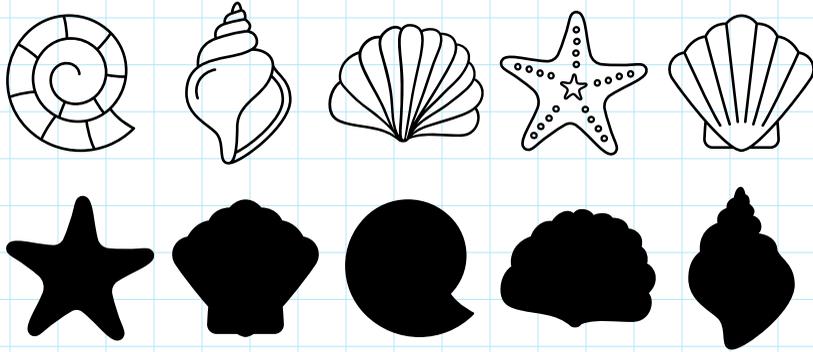


Use these pages in any way you like:
Add a few stickers, record books you've read, or draw and colour your favourite characters!

Who is your favourite person to read with?
Draw a picture of you reading together!



Can you match each shell to its shadow?



What story made
you laugh out loud?
What book would
you read over and over?
Share your favourites!

Creature from the deep

You've just dived deep into the ocean and have found some amazing underwater creatures, but one unique creature catches your attention...

- What colours or textures do you notice?
- Is it small or large? Bigger than you? Smaller than an apple?
- What kind of sound would this creature make?



Draw your sea creature!

If your sea creature had a name, what would it be?

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Mets-toi au défi et colle tes autocollants!
Écris ton nom sur le certificat.
Bravo, jeune mousse!

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Can you complete each challenge?
Decorate the page with your stickers!
Write your name on the certificate—you've earned it, explorer!

Trouve un trésor chez toi

Find a treasure at home

Trouve le triangle

Spot the triangle!

Donne un nom au crabe

Name the crab!

Tu es sous l'eau!
Pince ton nez

You're underwater—
pinch your nose!

Repère le poisson-clown

Spot the clownfish

Fais une danse de crabe

Do a silly crab dance!

Compte les bulles

Count the bubbles

Fais l'étoile de mer

Strike a starfish pose!

Raconte ta journée idéale au bord de l'eau

Share a dream day by the water

Bravo!

Nom / Name _____
Date _____
Témoign / Witness _____