

TD
Summer
Reading
Club
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
- jellyfish squishy eel electric axolotl
- crab squid surfer dolphin aqua spike
- 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!



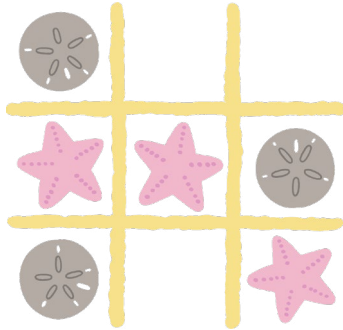
Ways to Raise a Reader



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

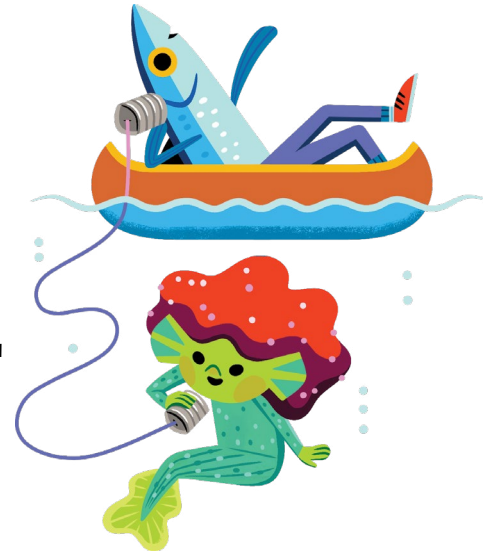
Sea shanties were work songs often sung by sailors. Make your own shanty by singing or signing the steps of a routine. Be repetitive—this helps establish sounds and processes.



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

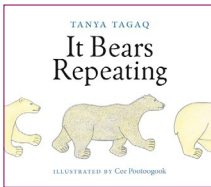
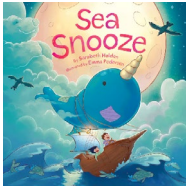
Shared reading is the most effective way to help children become good readers

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.

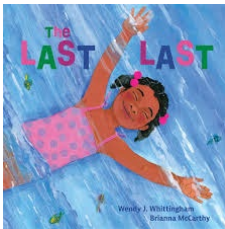


We recommend

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

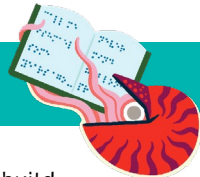


- *Sea Snooze*
by Sarabeth Holden
and Emma Pedersen
- *It Bears Repeating*
by Tanya Tagaq
and Cee Pootoogook
- *Look! Look!*
by Uma Krishnaswami
and Uma Krishnaswamy
- *The Last Last*
by Wendy J. Whittingham
and Brianna McCarthy



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 inaccessible 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

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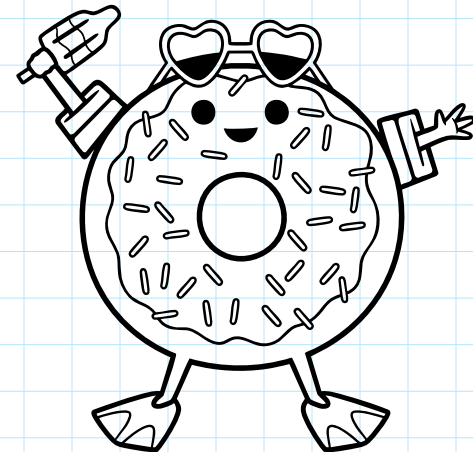
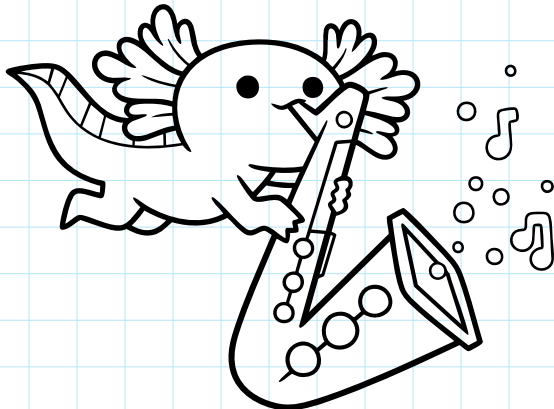
Adventures

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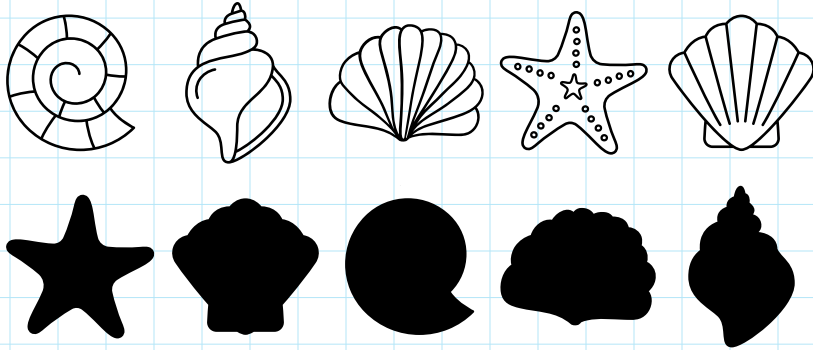
Who is your favourite
person to read with?
Draw a picture of you
reading together!

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

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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 moussel!

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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!



Donne un
nom au crabe

Name
the crab!

Trouve un trésor
chez toi

Find a treasure
at home

Trouve
le triangle

Spot the
triangle!

Tu es sous l'eau!
Pince ton nez

You're
underwater—
pinch your nose!

Bravo!



Trouve les trois
lettres cachées

Find 3 hidden
letters

Nom / Name

Témoïn / Witness

Date

Compte les
bulles

Count the
bubbles

Repère le
poisson-clown

Spot the
clownfish



Raconte ta
journée idéale au
bord de l'eau

Share a dream
day by the water

Fais l'étoile
de mer

Strike a starfish
pose!

Fais une danse de
crabe

Do a silly crab
dance!

