



100 Years, 100 Awesome Ideas for Screen-Free, Reading-Related Fun

Screen-Free Week, hosted by the nonprofit Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, celebrates the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week with a special list of screen-free, book- and reading-related fun.

Screen-Free Week, which takes place this year the same week as Children's Book Week — April 29-May 5 — is an international celebration where children, families, schools, and communities take a break from entertainment screens to enjoy life offline. We invite children and families to join in the double fun of our double events the week of April 29 — by reading!

2. Celebrate Screen-Free Week and Children's Book Week, April 29-May 5, 2019!
3. Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) on April 30.
4. Celebrate Free Comic Book Day, held annually on the first Saturday in May.
5. Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day on March 2.
6. Read a book about the environment on Earth Day, April 22.
7. Dress as a favorite book character for Halloween.
8. Give books as gifts.
9. Ask for books as gifts.
10. Celebrate Multicultural Children's Book Day in January.
11. Give a book to a teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week.
12. Try reading or writing poetry.
13. Start a new book that's the first of a series.
14. Re-read a book you've read before.
15. Find a fun pop-up book to flip through and admire.
16. Read a comic book or graphic novel.
17. Rather than watching a movie based on a book, read the book instead!
18. Get a library card.
19. Read a mystery and see if you can figure out whodunnit before the book's conclusion.
20. Find a fun book of silly jokes or riddles.
21. Find a fun book of puzzles.
22. Find a fun book of stories told in a rebus (pictorial) style.
23. Find a book on bugs and go on a bug hunt.
24. Read a book about a holiday that is meaningful to you.
25. Don't just sing about Hamilton, read a book about Hamilton.
26. Read in a hammock.
27. Find a book about screen-free fun, then have some screen-free fun!

1. Read a screen-free themed book. Suggestions can be found at screenfree.org!



28. Try a book in a genre that's new to you.
29. Listen to audiobooks in the car instead of watching videos or scrolling through your smartphone.
30. Read a book with pictures and words.
31. Read a book without pictures.
32. Read a book without words! (They're out there.)

33. Attend an author reading.
34. Attend an activity or event at your local library.
35. Attend an activity or event at your local bookstore.
36. Visit the library to check out a book.
37. Join a book club.
38. Visit your local Little Free Library and borrow a book.
39. Visit your local Little Free Library and donate a book.
40. Start a book club with friends or your family.
41. Hold a book character parade.
42. Hold a poetry slam at school.
43. Invite your school principal to read a favorite book to students.
44. Act out a favorite book or a scene from a favorite book.
45. Attend a live show or puppet show that's based on a children's book.
46. Visit a bookstore to explore their children's book collection.
47. Start a book reading fundraiser for your school or favorite charity, collecting pledges for each book read or for hours spent reading.
48. Read ghost stories around a campfire.
49. Donate to a charity that supports universal reading for all children.
50. Invite an author or illustrator to speak at your school.
51. Attend a children's book festival.
52. Host a book swap with friends.
53. Start a reading buddy program at your school, where an older student reads to a young one.
54. Meet your local librarian.

55. Read aloud to your pet.
56. Ask an adult to read to you.
57. Read to an adult.
58. Make family read-aloud a part of your bedtime routine.
59. Read to a younger sibling.
60. Read to an older sibling.
61. Read a book to a baby.
They love read alouds!
62. Hold a family book night — everyone reads a book at the same time, in the same room.
63. Read a book aloud for the entire family to enjoy.
64. Find a coloring book for each member of the family, then color together!

65. Find a book about astronomy, then head outside to identify the Big Dipper and other constellations.
66. Find a new cookbook and try a new recipe together for family dinner night.
67. Use a heavy book to press freshly cut flowers in spring and colorful leaves in fall.
68. Find a new arts and crafts book and try out a new craft.
69. Build a Little Free Library.
70. If you play an instrument, try out a new music book of your favorite song.
71. Find a travel book to a place you've always wanted to visit, then plan your dream trip.
72. Find a book about clouds, then go outside and see if you can identify them.
73. Find a children's book about gardening and begin a garden at home or at school.
74. Find books about plants and trees then take a hike, trying to identify what you see.
75. Create your own bookmark.
76. Survey the adults in your life about their favorite children's books growing up.
77. Learn calligraphy from a book.
78. Learn to finger spell from a book on American Sign Language.
79. Create a fun mask of a favorite book character.
80. Learn to do cool yo-yo tricks from a book about yo-yos.
81. Find a book with magic tricks and astound your friends.
82. Write to your favorite book author.
83. Write to your favorite book illustrator.
84. Write the first chapter of your own book.
85. Research and write about your family history. Turn it into a book.
86. Keep a reading journal, so that you can keep track of the books you've read.
87. Keep a wish list of books you want to read.
88. Write and illustrate your own comic book.
89. Start keeping a journal.
90. Fill out a Mad-Libs story.
91. Find a book about a country where an ancestor came from.
92. Read a book about your favorite sport or animal.
93. Read about a national hero or your personal hero.
94. Read a book that will enhance your enjoyment of a hobby.
95. Read a book about collecting – whether stamps, coins, shells, sea glass, and more.
96. Read a biography or autobiography, then try writing about yourself.
97. Invest in a good dictionary.
98. Invest in a good thesaurus.
99. Read a nonfiction book on a topic of interest to you.

100. READ!!