PA One Book: Hosting a Read-Aloud at Your Program or Event

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Where to Find the PA One Book

- Public Libraries – Ask your local librarian for the current PA One Book.
- Early Learning Programs – Many preschools or child care centers receive copies.
- Bookstores & Online Retailers – Purchase your own copy if needed.
- PA One Book Website – Check for digital access, author read-alouds, and activity guides: www.paonebook.org

Why Host a PA One Book Reading?
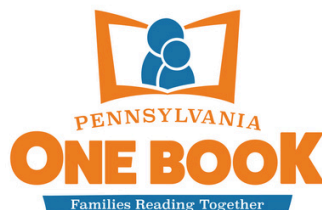
Reading aloud helps children:

- Build vocabulary and comprehension
- Strengthen listening and attention skills
- Develop a love of books and storytelling
- Make connections between stories and real life

It also encourages family engagement and aligns with early childhood learning standards.

Tips for a Great Read-Aloud

- Preview the Story – Know where to pause and ask questions.
- Use Expression – Change your voice for characters and emotions.
- Show the Pictures – Hold the book so all children can see.
- Ask Questions – "What do you think will happen?" "How does the character feel?"
- Involve the Children – Repeat fun phrases, clap, or act out scenes.
- Make Connections – Relate the story to children's lives.

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Add an Activity!

After reading, try:

- A craft related to the story
- Drawing a favorite part
- Singing or dancing based on a book theme
- Sending home a reading tip sheet or activity page
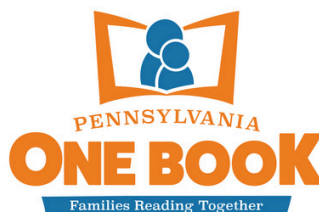
Hosting Tips

- Invite families or community guests
- Advertise the event with flyers or social media
- Partner with libraries or local leaders
- Create a cozy reading space with rugs or cushions
- Read in more than one language, if possible
- Provide take-home materials for continued learning

Helpful Links

- PA One Book Info & Resources: www.paonebook.org
- Find Your Local Library: www.powerlibrary.org/libraries
- PA Promise for Children: www.papromiseforchildren.com

Thank you for promoting early literacy in your community!
Together, we can help Pennsylvania's children grow through the power of stories.

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