

**Resources for...**

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**Library Resources**

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**Celebrate Reading**

Reading and books have shaped and changed the world throughout history.



**Read Every Day**

Kids who read early and often become inspired learners and lifelong achievers.



**In Your Community**

People and places near you will start you on your amazing journey into reading.



**Books Open Worlds**



"To promote Literature in this rising empire, and to encourage the Arts, have ever been amongst the warmest wishes of my heart."

**George Washington, 1798**

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**Amazing Americans**



hope, and a fixed purpose, at whatever cost of trouble, to learn how to read."

**Frederick Douglass, 1849**

**A Poem a Day**

I ask them to take a poem and hold it up to the light

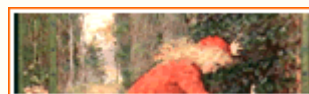
[Read This Poem by Billy Collins](#)

[Tips for Reading Poetry Out Loud](#)

[Visit Poetry 180 to Find More Poems](#)

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**Discover Rare Children's Books**



"I've seen the spring now and I'm going to see the summer. I'm going to see everything grow here. I'm going to grow here myself."

**The Secret Garden, 1911**

[Read "The Secret Garden"](#)

**Focus on Literacy in Your Neighborhood**



"I have often thought that nothing would do more extensive good at small expense than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county, to consist of a few well-chosen books, to be lent to the people of the country under regulations as would secure their safe return in due time."

**Thomas Jefferson, 1811**


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### Passion for Books



Author Nicholas Basbanes discusses his book, "Every Book its Reader: The Power of the Printed Word to Stir the World."

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### Encourage Early Readers





"Little Miss Muffet...reading a picture book"

### Poster by Arlington Gregg

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
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### Braille Literacy



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