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TREK INTO READING
A Field Guide For Exploration
READING TREK CHALLENGE

Take the Reading Trek Challenge to reach the 1,000 minutes summit (map your progress on page 7)

Take it one day at a time:
20 minutes a day for 50 days = 1,000 reading minutes

Speed it up:
40 minutes a day for 25 days = 1,000 minutes

Own your reading!
89% of kids agree that their favorite books are the ones they pick themselves, AND 88% are more likely to finish a book they have chosen. What will you pick next?

What type of reader are you?
Reading a physical book or on a device, listening to a podcast or an audiobook, it all counts! How many kinds of reading will you explore?

Build your vocabulary. Read a graphic novel.
Comic books average 53.5 rare words per thousand, more than you’ll find in both children’s and adult’s literature.
EXPLORE YOUR LIBRARY

Get a library card.

Borrow a hiking backpack from your library.

Explore plants in your backyard or local park and draw a picture to share at the library!

Tell a joke to your librarian.

Talk about a book you read or listened to.

Attend a library program.

Tell your librarian something you would like to learn more about.
NATURE BINGO

BLUE HERON
CALIFORNIA POPPY
REDWOOD TREES
RED-TAILED HAWK
RACCOON
ACORN

How to play Nature Bingo: Take your bingo card and go exploring! Mark off items on your bingo card as you find them.
Backyard Community Building
Make a Pinecone Bird Feeder

Gather your materials:
- 1 or more large open pinecones
- Any kind of nut butter
- Twine
- Birdseed
- Plate, paper towel, or cookie sheet

Ready to create a feast for your neighborhood birds?

Instructions: Cut out a piece of twine or string about 10 inches long and tie it to the top of your pinecone with a slip knot. Tie the ends of the twine together to make a loop to hang the pinecone from. Make sure you attach the twine to the pinecone before you add the peanut butter and birdseed. Otherwise, prepare to get messy!

Assemble your bird feeder on a paper towel, paper plate, or cookie sheet to help keep things clean. Place a scoop of peanut butter (approximately 1 tablespoon) on a plate or paper towel. Carefully spread the peanut butter onto the pinecone, making sure you get a little bit on each one of the pinecone scales. Leave a clean area at the top and bottom of the pinecone to hold onto.

Once you’re happy with the amount of peanut butter, grip the pinecone at both the top and bottom and dip it into a bowl of birdseed. Dip and roll all sides of the pinecone until the peanut butter is completely covered with birdseed.

Final step: Hang it outside for a feast for your neighborhood birds!
TRACK YOUR FAVORITE STORIES

Explore nature through fact and fiction. What did you pick?

Check out a field guide from the library to explore and learn more about the world around you! Birds to snakes, seashells to trees and more!

Read a book with a character who is different than you.

Read about a place you want to learn more about.

Read a book about someone you have something in common with.
TREK YOUR PROGRESS!

Step by step, to 1,000 we go!
Check our website for seasonal reading celebrations at your local library. Everyone is welcome!

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