



# Reading Action Steps:

What you can do to ensure that children “Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.”

## Parents and Caregivers

- I will be a reading role model for my child by reading every day.
- I will have books at home for my child to enjoy.
- I will help my child carve out time in the day just for reading.
- From birth through the teen years, I will read to and with my child.
- I will encourage my child to choose the books he or she wants to read.
- I will take my child to sign up for a library card.
- I will volunteer to read to children at school or in my community.

## Teachers

- I will create a literacy-rich environment in my classroom.
- I will build time into the school day for my students to read every single day.
- I will ensure that my students learn to read on grade level.
- I will create a lifelong love of reading by reading to and with my students.

## Young People

- I will read every day.... books, magazines, comic books – no matter what I read I will READ every day.
- I will choose books I want to read and read about the things I care about.
- I will get – and USE – a library card.
- I will ask my family, friends, teachers and librarian for ideas about good books to read.
- I will tell my friends about the books I like so they can enjoy them too.

## Everyone

- I will read every day.
- I will pass on the great books I enjoy.
- I will give books as gifts to children in my life.

## Librarians

- I will make my library a place where kids can always find a book they like.
- I will have a fun summer reading program to help kids avoid the “summer slide.”
- I will read to and with children in my library to encourage a lifelong love of reading.
- I will help parents become better informed about great books for their kids.

## Corporations

- I will partner with schools in my community to support reading and learning.
- I will allow employees time off to read to children at a local school.
- I will adopt a school book fair and provide funding for kids who might not otherwise have access to books.
- I will encourage employees to read and share books they love and “Pass It On” on the “You Are What You Read” website ([www.scholastic.com/youarewhatyouread](http://www.scholastic.com/youarewhatyouread)).

## Literacy Organizations and Non-Profits

- I will continue to help put books into the hands of children who may not otherwise have access to books.
- I will encourage family bonding through books.
- I will help families sign up for library cards.
- I will incorporate a message about the importance of reading in family outreach whether I serve as a health, welfare, literacy or other kind of service organization.

- I will create my personal “Bookprint” by sharing the five books that influenced who I am today at [www.scholastic.com/youarewhatyouread](http://www.scholastic.com/youarewhatyouread) and will encourage my friends and colleagues to do the same.