

Host a **Read Aloud**
with your friends and family!

Be part of a reading
revival community movement.

WHY:

Because it's a fun way to bring children and adults together around shared reading! Gather family, friends or neighbours together once – or regularly – to listen to picture books, stories or poems read aloud by one—or all of you!

There is no pressure for anyone to read, or even speak, because simply listening to the literature and the other group members can be powerful and pleasurable.

Shared reading is making an impact on people around the world! Everyone is connected through the reading and by sharing thoughts and experiences with others. For many, the connection goes much deeper: boosting personal confidence, enhancing conversational skills, and strengthening social bonds. And, children see a love of reading modeled and are introduced to new people, words and ideas.

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HOW:

Mix it up with: adults, children, seniors, and new acquaintances. Host read alouds indoors or outdoors; in your home, community hall or at a school. Choose the date, time and place and start inviting your guests! Plan and gather what you will read aloud for the first time. After the first gathering, others may offer to read aloud next time.

Visit calgaryreads.com for great read aloud book titles.

Food can add to the fun if you keep it simple, low-cost, or do a pot-luck.

SHARE:

Calgary Reads would love to receive stories and photos from your shared reading. If you don't already have a copy of Stone Soup come by our office to pick one up. We chose this fable as it captures the impact of community gathering and sharing together. It will make a great read aloud at your next shared reading too! Be in touch: @calgaryreads, #sharedreading, post to our Facebook or email info@calgaryreads.com.



"You have shown us that sharing makes us all richer."
– Stone Soup