

# ENCOURAGING LITERACY IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMMING

## Give Kids Books

Make sure kids have access to books and reading materials! Try putting them in places kids will bump into! Hand them out before breaks! Have a book on the desk for youth to read while they wait to begin!

## Make it a Game

Try incorporating challenges and games into reading. Have you ever read a Choose Your Own Adventure book? If you run out of ideas, PBS Kids has tons of reading games to use or spark your creativity!

## Be Sneaky

Have kids read in hidden ways! Try reading recipes, menus, comic books or plays. Try to think beyond the book format to add in extra reading time.

## Get Online

Hop online if you need to! There are so many incredible read alouds on Youtube that would be a great way to entertain youth. While they aren't the same as a book, online games and resources will capture the imagination of your youth and often need less hands on support.

## Pick Relevant Texts

Be sure there are reading materials in the right languages, levels, and topics for your youth. Look for texts that are culturally relevant and specific to the needs of each youth.

## Put on a Show!

Your voice, intonation, and acting skills all can come together to bring books to life for your youth. Do not be afraid to get silly! Try bringing in props or using funny voices to engage youth.