Connecting Reading with Family Activities
Help your child’s love of reading by connecting books you read as a family with family activities!

Connecting Reading with Family Activities:
- Promotes teamwork and family bonding
- Boosts creativity and imagination
- Gets your family active
- Motivates your child to read!

Expand on your child’s unique interests by finding books on those interests and read as a pair or a family. After reading, find corresponding activities to do as a family. Here are a few examples you can use:

1001 Animals to Spot by Ruth Brocklehurst shows many different animals in their habitats.
- Take your family to the zoo and have an animal hunt. Find animals you and your child loved finding in the book.
- Have your child count how many animals they see!
- Match animals to their habitats at the zoo as seen in the book. Identify water animals, land animals, and amphibians.
- Build animal vocabulary with words such as camouflage, natural habitat, environment, and amphibian.

If the Dinosaurs Came Back by Bernard Most explores the crazy possibilities of dinosaurs in our modern world.
- Visit a museum of natural history to teach your child about fossils, dino scale, and dino life.
- Discuss aspects of dinosaurs your child observed and how the dinosaurs would function with them today. (Having a spikey tale, being 40 feet tall, etc.)
- Hide toy dinosaurs and toy bones in a sandbox so your child can be a paleontologist for a day.
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman teaches you and your child how to make an apple pie and explore where it’s ingredients came from.

- Go to the apple orchard this fall and pick apples.
- Bake an apple pie using the recipe in the book and see if your child can remember where the ingredients came from.
- This is a great book for learning counties and baking!

Stone Soup by Marcia Brown

- Create a medieval feast with your child
  - Making stone soup and replicate their table and sides.
- Make a list of all of the characters in the story and what they thought the soup needed. What do you and your child think would make the soup better?

These activities are fun, but we encourage you to find books that match your child’s interests and expand on those interests through fun family activities!