

World Read Aloud Day: 03.03.10

March 3rd, 2010 has been established as LitWorld's first World Read Aloud Day to celebrate and encourage the invaluable practice of reading aloud and to bring attention to the importance of literacy across all countries and for all of humanity. Reading aloud brings us together—brings meaning, enhanced understanding, and shared experience to our words and our stories.

World Read Aloud Day provides an opportunity for people all over the world to become involved in the movement for global literacy. Whether you read aloud to someone special in your own home, or take public and political actions to support the power of words, WRAD is an outlet for your profound and valued energy. WRAD will engage children and adults, individuals, families, communities, and schools around the world to create a unified event and a global community of readers and to send a clear message to our world's leaders: Words Change Worlds.

Ways to Take Action:

Before March 3rd:

- Visit litworld.org and click: *Yes! All children have the right to read.*
- Spread the word to all your friends, in any way you can.
- Have a Read-A-Thon in your classroom or household counting down to WRAD!
- Invite someone to read aloud at your school or in your community on March 3rd.
- Write a letter to your elected officials about the importance of global literacy, samples are available at litworld.org.

On March 3rd:

- Gather friends together, or meet up long-distance via video chat or phone, to share poems, short stories, children's books, or excerpts of books or essays.
- Create a WRAD event in your community: gather friends and families to read together, or have special guests read to the group!
- Find someone who needs to hear a story and share one.
- Celebrate your successful Read Aloud with certificates created by well-known children's book illustrators for all participants, available at litworld.org.
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After March 3rd:

- Share photos and videos of your WRAD experience on our website.
- Continue to spread the message that *Words Change Worlds*, on a personal level, a community level, and a global level.
- LitWorld will send elected officials an announcement to let them know how many people value access to words and stories for children and celebrated World Read Aloud Day together, across all borders. Let's make it a million!

What is LitWorld?

LitWorld has been established as a 501(c)3 non profit organization to positively impact children's health, safety, and work-readiness worldwide through transformational literacy experiences. Led by expert and author Pam Allyn, LitWorld serves the world's most vulnerable children by supporting access to innovative technologies that foster the development of reading and writing skills and providing educator resources and children's books. LitWorld's projects bridge cultural and personal divides through shared stories, and create empathic, educated communities equipped for change. Visit litworld.org to learn more about Words Changing Worlds.

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