

# Fun Family Literacy Activities

The great thing about Family Literacy Day is that you don't have to participate in a formal event to be a part of this initiative. Family Literacy Day can be celebrated by simply setting aside 15 minutes of family time to read with your children, playing board games like Scrabble, writing a letter or even following a recipe together. Here are some other tips and activities to assist you in making family literacy a priority in your home:

## Tips for Parents

- **Watch a Book:** Many children's stories have been adapted for the big screen. Read these stories with your kids first, then watch the movie equivalent; The *Harry Potter* series is a great example.
- **Go Surfing:** Navigate the Internet with your child to find fun and educational Websites.
- **Let them catch you reading:** Act as a reading role model for your kids by reading in your spare time. Remember that children learn by example.
- **The Count:** Have your child count out the change required to make a purchase. Reinforce the importance of math in everyday life.
- **Hi Ho the Merry-o:** Engage in sing-along sessions with your children.

## Tips for Kids

- **A Poet and You Didn't Know it:** Wearable art is in. Write a story or poem on an old pair of jeans.
- **The Great Wall of Graffiti:** Decorate your bedroom walls with quotes from your favourite books or use comic book pages as wallpaper.
- **Travel the World:** Well, sort of. Use your library card as your passport. Check out books on different countries to learn about their traditions and celebrations - like Kwanzaa or Hanukkah.
- **So You Want to be an Actor?:** Practise your theatrical skills by dressing up as one of your favourite book characters and read the book aloud to your brother, mother or the family dog.
- **Know it All:** Look up the meaning of funny words like "onomatopoeia" and test your parents' word power!