



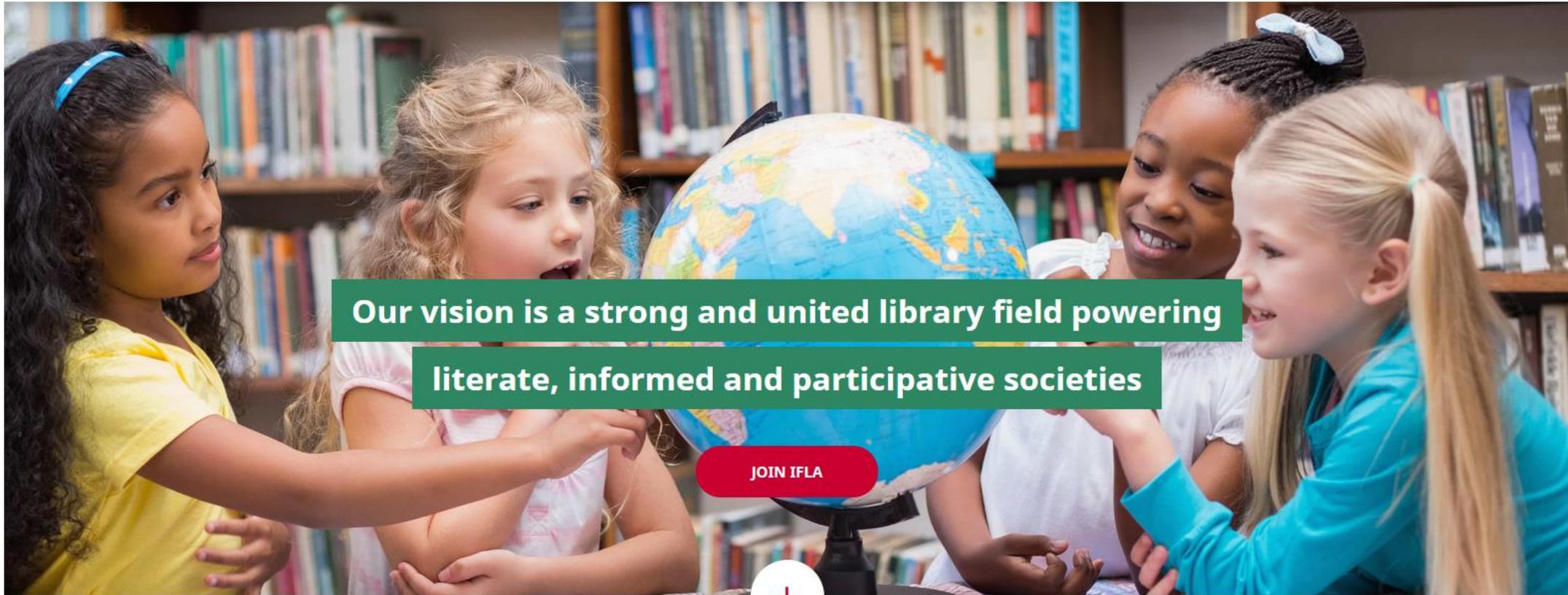
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The power of reading

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Reading aloud

Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.

— Marilyn Jager Adams —

Infants and toddlers



- valuable and exciting experience
- excellent independent readers
- expanded vocabulary and general knowledge
- understanding complex sentence structures better
- helps develop reading and writing skills
- helps develop cognitive abilities
- it is fun!

Time to read aloud

- morning, afternoon, evening
- bed, car, bus, doctor's waiting room, library, park, on a trip ...
- while drawing or playing with a toy
- just 15 minutes of reading aloud a day helps a child's overall development!**



Read Aloud
15 MINUTES

Every child. Every parent. Every day.

Brain Development

Babies are born learning. From birth to age 3 are critical years for the development of language skills that are foundational for future learning success.

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher.

Language

The number of words that a child knows when he or she enters kindergarten is the most important predictor of a child's success or failure.

Reading aloud grows your child's vocabulary and introduces many words and concepts that you might not use in everyday conversation.

Knowledge

Books are a pleasure, yes, and they are also informative. You and your child can learn something new when you read aloud.



Why Read Aloud?

Love of Reading

Parents that read aloud demonstrate that reading is important, that reading is pleasurable, that reading is valued.

Bonding

Is there anything better than sharing a good book with a child in your lap?

Literacy Skills

Vocabulary. Phonics. Familiarity with the printed word. Storytelling. Comprehension. Reading aloud is invaluable for building literacy skills.

Children



- develops critical thinking
- develops creativity
- develops a vocabulary
- raises children
- develops empathy
- develops communication skills
- encourages concentration

The music of words



When we read, our minds grow wings.
When we write, our fingers sing.

Words are drumbeats and flutes on the page,
soaring songbirds and trumpeting elephants,
rivers that flow, waterfalls tumbling,
butterflies that twirl
high in the sky!

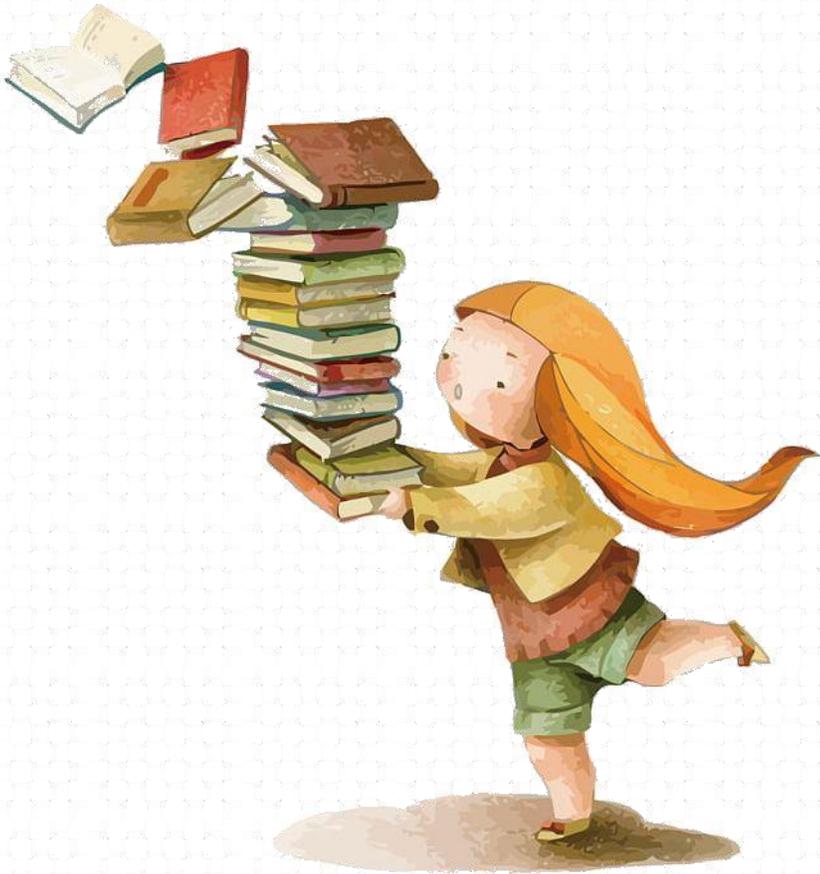
Words invite us to dance---rhythms, rhymes, heartbeats,
hoofbeats, and wingbeats, old tales and new ones,
fantasies and true ones.

Whether you are cozy at home
or racing across border toward a new land
and a strange language, stories and poems
belong to you.

When we share words, our voices
become the music of the future,
peace, joy and friendship,
a melody
of hope.

Margarita Engle

(Young) Adults



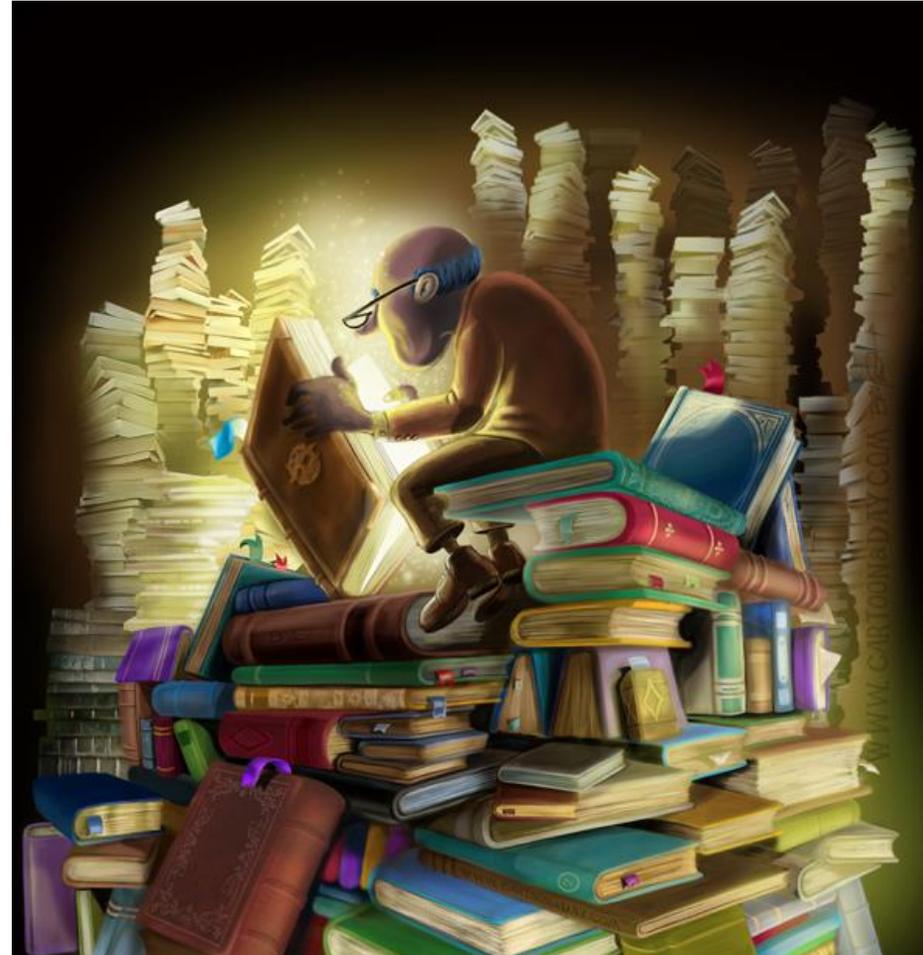
- travel through time
- share experiences
- explore different cultures
- grow personally
 - physiologically
 - cognitively
 - socially
 - psychologically
 - professionally

“Time spent reading, like
time spent loving,
increases our lifetime.”

- DANIEL PENNAC

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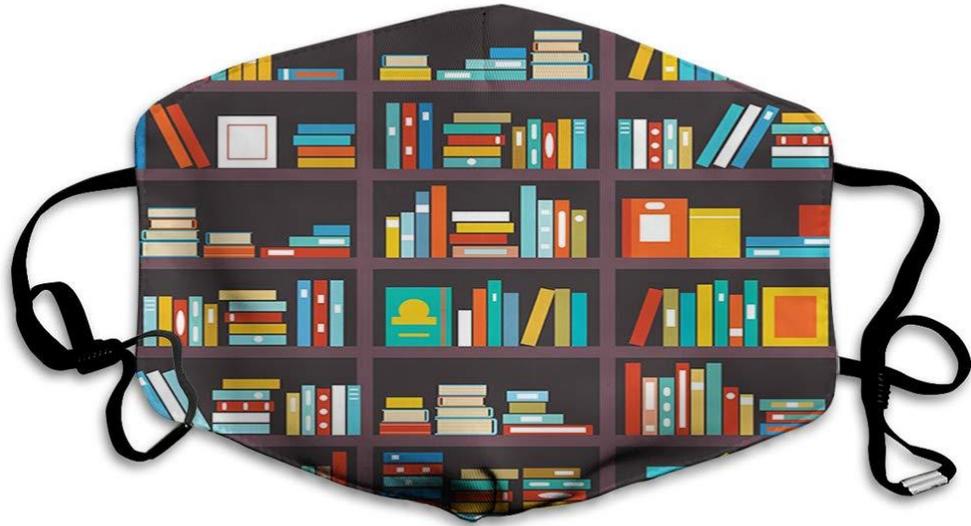
- growing old
 - retirement
 - loss of spouse and friends
 - lower income
 - health difficulties
- new ways of filling out most of the time previously occupied by work



Bibliotherapy

- targeted, guided reading
- preventive and recreational
- non-institutional, non-clinical
- process of identification
- self-help books by renown authors
- fairy tales, novels, poetry, short stories, fables
 - carefully chosen
 - much more effective

COVID-19 pandemic



- pandemic stress
- reading
 - much-needed escape
- reading fluency in children is lagging by 30%
- books are powerful coping tools

PEOPLE WHO CANNOT UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
CANNOT EXCHANGE IDEAS, CANNOT COMMUNICATE.
THE SIMPLEST WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
RAISE LITERATE CHILDREN IS TO TEACH THEM
TO READ,
AND TO SHOW THEM THAT READING IS A
PLEASURABLE ACTIVITY.



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