

# READ TO YOUR CHILD DAY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY FEBRUARY 14

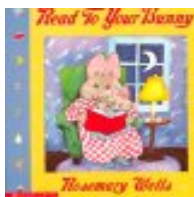


**Description of Program:** Books and love...a perfect pair! Share a good book with someone you love. February 14<sup>th</sup> is *St. Valentine's Day* AND *Read to Your Child Day*. What a perfect opportunity to take time out of your busy day to read to your child. Join us as we share our love of reading through stories, activities and more!

## **Program Plans:** *Family Book Buddies*

Let's bring families together on this special day for loving activities that will instill the importance of reading each day to their babies, toddlers and children. This program invites parents and their children to the library for *Family Book Buddies*, a 30 minute session of pure reading enjoyment. Librarians, select your favorite books to be placed on a table for the parents to choose from for their reading time with their child. Invite them to also select books from your department's collection or bring some favorite titles from home. *Family Book Buddies* reading stations with carpet squares or other comfortable seating may be set up in your program room or throughout your department for your *Family Book Buddies* to use for their reading session. Also place puppets at the stations for children to hold during their reading time. After the 30 minute session has concluded, invite the *Family Book Buddies* to enjoy an activity or two from the ones listed below!

## **Books:**



*Read To Your Bunny* by Rosemary Wells (9781439596173). This loving tale tells what happens when parents children share twenty minutes a day reading. ***This book is a must-read of the day! Share it with the children and their families as you gather together to begin the activities.***

## **Activities:**

### ***Heart Collage***

#### ***Materials needed:***

Paper hearts torn free-hand from discarded books (use pages with text only)

Tacky glue

White construction paper

Using pages from discarded books, tear out hearts by simply folding the page in half and tearing out a heart pattern. Be sure to make big hearts and little ones too! No two hearts will look alike! For color, you may also use red, pink or purple construction paper. Glue the hearts onto the construction paper in a random fashion.



***Made with Love Parent & Child Bookmaking***

Materials needed:

Construction paper, 4 x 4 pieces

Wallpaper samples, 4 x 4 pieces (this will be your cover)

Assorted ribbons (tie your book together)

Hole punch

Heart stamp

Tacky glue

Magazines

Colored pencils, thin lined markers, crayons

Encourage the parents and the children to create their own book by writing a story and then drawing their own illustrations. They may also add pictures from the magazines provided. No two books will be alike! Be sure to have them stamp the outside cover of the book and initial and date it for a lasting memory!

***If You Love Somebody***

(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

*If you love somebody and you know it clap your hands...*

*If you love somebody and you know it shout hooray...*

*If you love somebody and you know it blow a kiss...*

***I Have a Little Heart***

*I have a little heart,*

*It goes thump, thump, thump.*

*It keeps right on beating*

*When I jump, jump, jump.*

*I get a special feeling*

*When I look at you,*

*It makes me want to give you*

*A kiss or two!*



***More information or questions?***

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