

Sweet Summer Stories

How will you encourage your child to continue reading under the summer sun? A book of Bad Kitty by Michele Lepe, well known as Nina from Sprout's The Goodnight Show, is perfect for engaging young minds while easy, medium, and hard from Little Red Riding Hood are ideal for challenging readers as their skills progress. Follow along with RIF on our reading road trip with weekly literacy resources to turn up the temperature on summer reading!



Books To Bridge Difficult Topics

Books can help you discuss difficult or confusing issues with your child. Tackling challenging topics is never easy but RIF's reading resources can help you begin the conversation. Use a book like 'Same, Same but Different' or 'Visiting Feelings' from Same, Same but Different to teach about diversity and equality. You can also explore personal feelings such as anxiety, emotional awareness, and facing fear with a book like 'Grow Happy' and matching resources from RIF and Magination Press.



Teacher Feature: Get Reading-Ready for Middle School

How can middle schoolers be great readers AND writers? RIF caught up with Katie Padden, a middle school English and Language Arts teacher in rural Burgettstown, PA, to get the inside scoop. Read on to learn why Katie thinks reading and writing go together like peanut butter and jelly!



Make A Difference in the Life of a Child

Elisha DeMaria is a former RIF kid from Florida who discovered a love of reading and lifelong commitment to literacy through RIF book distributions at Poinsettia Elementary School. RIF book distributions provided Elisha with high quality, new books which helped grow her love of reading. Elisha credits RIF with her future success in education and career as a textbook manager at NYU. Join RIF today to educate the generation of tomorrow.



Community Corner: PAWS AND THINK!

RIF recently caught up with author Miranda Mittleman about her passion for children's books and her efforts to make an impact on literacy locally. Miranda authored three books in her PAWS AND THINK! series and donated a portion of the proceeds to RIF. The PAWS AND THINK! books promote social-emotional learning which encourages young readers to learn about self-confidence, equality and gratitude. Read on to learn about Miranda's dedication to children's literacy and what YOU can do to impact literacy in your community.



Inaugural National Reading Coalition

This September, RIF will bring together an esteemed group of leaders for the first annual National Reading Coalition, an invitation-only event focusing on the relationship between childhood literacy and its impact on our nation's workforce. Leading organizations such as America's Promise Alliance, Discovery Education, Dollar General, Library of Congress, National Governor's Association, National PTA, Pitney Bowes, PVH, Scholastic, UGI Utilities and the University of Illinois at Chicago will join RIF to address the issue and to share best practices and insights that can be replicated to create meaningful change. For sponsorship and general information, contact Jodi Rubin at jrubin@rif.org.

