

# What Are You Reading Today?



Help us call attention to the importance of literacy as we celebrate Bloomington Reads! week, May 6-12. The second annual event, sponsored by the Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools, features a week of reading and literacy-related activities in our community to spotlight the importance of literacy. (See the [mccsfoundation website](#) for a listing of upcoming events.) Just 20 minutes of reading a day can build a community of readers. While many of us get in the habit of reading aloud to our pre-readers, children who have begun reading on their own still benefit from having an adult read aloud to them. Reading aloud a story to an independent reader can be a chance to share new vocabulary. Reading aloud also provides an independent reader with an opportunity to hear fluent reading, which helps them build their own fluency and ability to read with proper pacing and expression.

My preschooler and I have been enjoying some new picture books, including: [Betty Bunny Wants Everything](#) and the [Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas](#). And in between re-reading some of his favorite [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#) books, my 3rd grader looks forward to listening to his dad read aloud from Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

It's important to remember, too, that children learn to value reading, not only by having someone read to them, but by seeing the adults in their lives spending time reading. No matter whether it's a hardcover or paperback book, e-book, magazine or newspaper -- what do your children see you reading? What are *you* reading today?

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