



Literacy-Focused Programming I-Días

1. Make a banner that reads (state name): **Bookjoy** Country. Post with photos of readers and their books below.
2. Plan Family Reading Nights and raffle one or more Family Library-in-a-Bag.
3. Start a list of **bookjoy** quotes, including author's first name and age (optional.) Invite attendees to add their quote.
4. Participate in an international bookmark exchange with a sister school or library in another country or sponsor a bookmark contest with a literacy theme.
5. Pair readers of different age levels for read-alouds: principals can read a favorite childhood book to elementary students; middle schoolers and teens can help with storytimes and schedule reading time at childcare centers.
6. Create a photo display of people reading.
7. Include poetry all year: invite a poetry slam champion to host a slam event or training, integrate a poetry reading with music, mount a photography and haiku exhibition, fly poetry kites, create "book spine" poems, use The Poetry Friday Anthology for Celebrations.
8. Have children and families make and decorate their own books or journals.
9. Invite family members to write and illustrate favorite riddles, proverbs, or tongue-twisters with examples of culturally and linguistically appropriate books on hand for viewing.
10. Plan bilingual/multilingual story hours featuring readers of languages spoken in the community.
11. Decorate school hallways and classroom doors with multicultural book covers, create special displays of bilingual and world language books from the school library's collection, and ask classroom teachers to include read-alouds with multicultural themes in their classrooms.
12. Hold a Multicultural Picnic with snacks and displays of books about foods of the world.
13. Plan a reading carnival with book-focused games such as a book walk instead of a cakewalk, book bingo, book cover matching, and a wheel of fortune with book-related questions and literacy-related prizes.
14. Invite a professional storyteller to teach children how to tell their own stories.
15. Have a book exchange with children or a book parade with children dressed as characters from their favorite stories.
16. Organize a book drive and deliver books during April as part of a Día celebration.
17. Use technology: hold a book trailer video contest; schedule an author visit via Skype; plan an April geocaching event with book-related prizes.
18. Invite library users to "see the world through books." Use a passport booklet that is stamped after visiting literacy stations throughout the library. Enter all completed passports in a drawing for free books.
19. At middle schools, celebrate Young People's Day/Book Day, and have students plan and perform stories and original work at their own school or at an elementary school or library. Organize a Batchelder Awards book club.
20. Rent a book character costume to roam your April event for family photos.
21. Plan a Children's Day, Book Day flash mob at your school or in front of your library or at a mall.