

Choosing FRAC books:

We encourage you to choose books that your children are interested in!

Most kids are able to listen to and understand books two grades above their reading level, so it's OK to choose books that your child would not be able to read independently.

The following types of books, while awesome, do not qualify for this read-aloud program:

- nonfiction books without narrative qualities*
- graphic novels/comics
- audiobooks
- activity books
- joke books
- song books

* "Nonfiction without narrative qualities" refers to nonfiction that is not written like a story, such as an encyclopedia or a world record book. Nonfiction books that are written like stories, such as the Who HQ series books (i.e. *Who Is/Was...?*) do count, as long as they are 80+ pages!

FAQs:

Who may participate?

FRAC is designed for parents/caregivers to read to school-aged children (grades K-12 or ages 5-18). Since families register and participate as a group, at least one child being read to must be school-aged--but it's OK if older or younger children listen too!

Does the person reading aloud have to be a parent?

No! The reader can be any adult caregiver, including grandparents, uncles, aunts, nannies, etc.

Can books read for FRAC also be counted for the Summer Reading Program (SRP)?

Yes, as long as they are read during the Summer Reading Program.

Other questions?

Ask at the Youth Services Desk or call 972.219.3577.



Lewisville Public Library

FAMILY READ- ALoud CLUB

for families with school-aged children



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Welcome to LPL's Family Read-Aloud Club!

What is Family Read-Aloud Club (FRAC)?

Many parents and caregivers read aloud to their preschool and pre-reading children, but they stop as their kids get older and can read on their own.

The Family Read-Aloud Club is **designed to encourage parents to continue reading aloud to their school-aged children!**



Why is reading aloud to school-age kids important?

Here's what your children may gain from your read-alouds:*

Literacy skills:

Listening to books read aloud can improve your child's vocabulary, listening comprehension, phonics, and familiarity with the printed word.

Children can listen at a higher level than what they can read on their own, so read-alouds also make more complex stories and ideas accessible.

Love of reading:

Your example shows your children that reading is important, pleasurable, and valued.



Bonding time:

Reading together provides an opportunity to be close to your children and make memories together.

*Learn more about reading aloud and its benefits in *Jim Trelease's Read-Aloud Handbook* in the Adult Nonfiction collection (372.452 TRE).

Parent instructions:

- 1) Choose a chapter book to read. It should be at least 80 pages long. (For more on choosing books, see next page.)
- 2) Read the book to your children. Once you are finished reading the book, write the title down in your FRAC reading log.
- 3) Continue reading additional books to your children. Once you have read and written down four chapter books, bring your log to the Youth Services Desk to receive a **free chapter book** to keep!

PLUS: The first time your family turns in a completed FRAC reading log, you will also receive a free **FRAC tote bag!**



The fine print:

Each family may receive up to four free books per calendar year, having read a total of 16 books.

Once four free books have been received, additional logs cannot be turned in until the following calendar year.



FRAC records with no activity after one year will be removed from LPL's database.

Keep reading for FAQs and tips for choosing FRAC books. →