

Summer Reading Games

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Launch your summer reading with an in-store event with some of these reading games.

Prizes: Have Bible stickers or a container of gummy worms to use as prizes for your bookworms.

Treats: Provide cupcakes with fondant books. Cut out a white fondant rectangle and then a larger colored fondant rectangle to fold over the white piece to serve as the book jacket.

Book Board Games

Have older children create board games about their book. Give a prize for the best game and/or let them “sell” their game to your store in exchange for a new book. That way, you’ll collect new “book” games for future patrons to enjoy.

Character Dress Up

Have children dress up as a character in their book and tell their story in first person. Give prizes.

“Sell It”

Have children “sell” their book by doing an ad about it. The ad can be written, drawn, or on video. Give prizes.

Reading Scavenger Hunts

Have children find books with titles that start with each letter of the alphabet. Or have young children look for titles that begin with the letter of their first and last names

“I Spy” a Good Book

Have children walk around without touching anything. Then each child can give clues about a book they spotted until someone guesses the title.

What’s Missing?

Give four words out of a passage of a book and then read the passage. See who can figure out which of the four words was not in the passage you read. This promotes good listening and reading comprehension.

Book Concentration game

Cut out squares of cardstock. Write the title of a book on two squares. Continue making pairs of titles. Use the cards for kids to play a game of concentration (or Go Fish).

Book Toss Quiz

Fill a muffin tin with folded papers that have a question about books on each one. Let children toss a coin and pick out the top paper of the cup in which the coin lands. They score a point for giving a good or correct answer.

Sample questions:

What's the book you're reading now?

How are kid's fiction books shelved in the store?

Where is the children's section?

Name a nonfiction book.

Name a biography book title.

Bingo

Let children fill in the bingo chart for a sticker or other prize

Fiction Book	Devotional	Book with poems or rhymes	Nonfiction book
Bible	Biography	Animal book	A favorite book
Educational book	Science fiction	How-to Book	Christian Living book
Humorous book	Journal or book with journaling	Fantasy or fairy tale book	Book with a summer theme

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