

Reading For Fun

This project encourages youth to share their love of reading with others. Book selection is your choice. What do you like to read history, biographies, fiction, or mysteries?

Suggested Activities:

Cloverbud (Mini 4-H grades K-2) Read at least one book and share it with someone. (you could read to someone or tell them about the book). No record sheet is required. Cloverbud posters are 22”X14”, if you choose the poster option for your exhibit.

Level 1 (grades 3-5) Read 3 books. Share/read **at least two of the books** with another person (can be a brother or sister, mother or father, friends, neighbor, grandparent- you pick) Complete record sheet.

Level 2 (grades 6-8) Read 4 books. Share/read **at least two of the books** with another person (can be a brother or sister, mother or father, friends, neighbor, grandparent- you pick) Do at least one community service activity based on reading (read to a group, collect books for a book drive, help at the library. etc.) Complete record sheet.

Level 3 (grades 9-12) Read 5 books. Share/read **at least two of the books** with another person (can be a brother or sister, mother or father, friends, neighbor, grandparent- you pick) Do at least two community service activities based on reading (read to a group, collect books for a book drive, help at the library. etc.) Complete record sheet.

Exhibit Options:

For all levels. Select one of the following options. Attach your record sheet to your exhibit.

Poster options: (Please follow general poster guidelines listed below.)

1. Make a poster that tells about a book or literary character that you like.
2. Make a poster that would encourage people to read.
3. Make a map that shows the locations of favorite stories from one land or from around the world- display map and other information on a poster.
4. Make a poster of interesting and/or unusual expressions found in a book.
5. Make a poster on a community service activity that you did (based on books and/or reading).
6. Make a poster showing the timeline of the works of one author.

Other exhibit options:

7. Design a book jacket for a book that you liked.
8. Make a mobile which contain characters from favorite books.
9. Create original illustrations for a story. (Be creative. Use a variety of materials.)

10. Make a story/picture book for a child.
11. Make puppets or masks of favorite book characters.

Please note- please identify title of book and name of the author(s). If the exhibit option refers to characters- please identify the characters.

Exhibit Requirements for Posters:

Poster projects must be 22" x 28" mounted HORIZONTALLY (only) with a firm backing, and must be covered with clear plastic or other transparent material (not cellophane wrap) to protect the exhibit. The title should be placed according to project exhibit requirements or use your creativity when requirements are not specified. Be creative in your color selections unless the project description requires white poster board. (Read project requirements completely.)

Backing: A stiff backing is required; any material that will support the poster so it will not bend. Examples: Very stiff cardboard, foam core, plywood, or Masonite 1/8" thick. CAUTION! Pre-cut commercial foam cord is not 22" x 28" and is not acceptable for fair displays. The Extension Office offers poster board and coverings for sale. Mounting Adhesive: Rubber cement is the best form of adhesive; it does not leave marks and will not wrinkle paper. White glue should be used only in cases where wrinkling or damage will not occur. Double stick tape is best for mounting leaves. Exhibit Tag: The exhibit tag is affixed in the lower right-hand corner of the poster and displayed where applicable. It is approximately 2"x 4".

It is required that all posters, notebooks, and display boards include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include website links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.