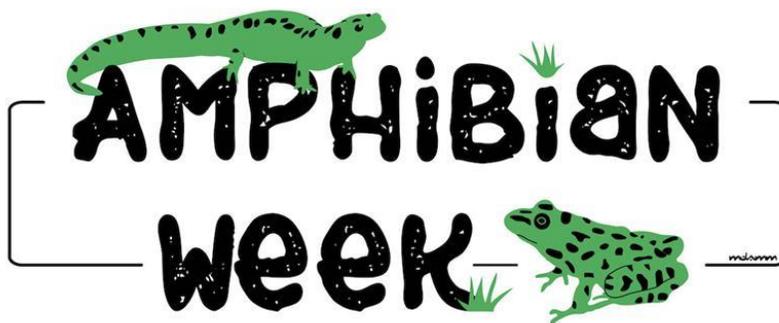


Host an Amphibian-Themed Story Time



Before the Story Time:

1. **Choose a Location** that is a comfortable and kid-friendly space such as a library, community center, classroom, or outdoor area near a pond or park.
2. **Pick an Amphibian-Themed Book.** Check out our [K-12 reptile and amphibian book list](#)! Consider the length of the story and the age level it targets. Incorporate puppets, stuffed animals, or props to make the story more engaging.
3. **Plan a Complementary Activity.** Include fun, amphibian-themed activities like frog crafts, a sing-along, or an interactive amphibian trivia session. Alternatively, play a game like an amphibian-themed scavenger hunt or listen and mimic frog and toad calls. Check out PARC's [Education and Outreach page](#) for activity ideas.
4. **Gather Supplies.** Assemble activity materials. Include a small portable speaker if you're including music or sound effects. Determine if you are going to decorate the space- even blue tablecloths with lily pad cut outs can help elevate the mood!
5. **Promote the Event.** Advertise through community boards, social media, or newsletters. Include the date, time, location, and any registration requirements. Consider [adding your event to our list](#), and we'll help promote it, too!

During the Story Time

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (5-10 min) Greet participants and briefly introduce the theme of the day: amphibians. Set the tone with a few fun facts and/or age-appropriate trivia questions. Consider having participants introduce themselves and their favorite amphibian.
2. **Read the Story** (10-15 min) Read the selected book(s) with enthusiasm, using different voices or tones and movement to engage the audience. Pause occasionally to ask questions or point out interesting details in the illustrations. Encourage kids to "ribbit" like a frog or pretend to hop like one during the story. Use props like puppets to act out parts of the story.
3. **Lead an Amphibian Craft or Activity** (10-15 min) Guide the group in a simple craft or activity. Try to select something that will complement the story.
4. **Wrap-Up** (5-10 min) Finish up with some questions to summarize the activity and content. Thank attendees for coming and for anyone that assisted with the event. Hand out small items like frog stickers, coloring sheets ([we have some here!](#)), and/or materials to learn at home.
5. **Share Follow-Up Resources.** Provide booklists, amphibian facts, or websites where families can learn more about amphibians. Invite participants to future events or activities related to nature and wildlife.

With these simple steps, your amphibian-themed story time will be both educational and fun for everyone involved! 🐸

