



River Park Elementary School

16th Annual Read-a-thon

“Reading is Magic”

October 5-16, 2025

What is Read-a-thon?

Read-a-thon is River Park's biggest fundraiser of the year. The goal of this annual fundraiser is to highlight and incentivize reading and literacy by awarding prizes for participation, minutes read, and donations generated by students during the Read-a-thon. This year, the theme is “Reading is Magic,” with lots of fun magic-themed prizes and events!

How Does it Work?

Step 1 – Commit to Reading: Students commit to reading every day. Your student should fill out their reading contract stating their reading goals for the fundraiser. (This year students will be filling these out with their teacher in class so this step is likely already complete!)

Step 2 – Log Your Reading: Students should cut and fill out the daily reading slip and place it in one of the grade level boxes at school each day. The daily slip you turn in each morning reflects the previous day's reading. Filling out the slip is their entry into the daily reading prize!

Step 3 – Record Your Minutes: Scan the QR code on the reading slip each day to quickly log minutes read. Students and classes with the most minutes read qualify for additional prizes! A max of 12 entries/ student for the 12 days of the read-a-thon will be accepted.

Step 4 – Find Sponsors and Get Donation Pledges: Ask family, friends, and neighbors to support your reading efforts with a tax-deductible pledge. Donations and pledges can be made throughout Read-a-thon using our online giving portal **AND/OR** cash and check donations may be collected at the end of the reading period and returned by Wednesday October 22.

Step 5 – Visit the Orange County Library:* The library has reserved a free bookmark for all River Park students. Just tell the children's librarian you attend River Park Elementary during the course of the Read-a-thon (Oct 5-16) to receive the gift. *Note: This step is optional.

Goals:

School Wide Goal: Raise at least \$40,000 – Last year River Park students raised over \$38,233! Let's shoot for the stars so EVERY student in the school receives the grand prize: a ticket to a school-wide magic show!

Important Dates:

October 2 – Read-a-Thon Kickoff! Students complete the reading promise and receive a custom 2025 Read-A-Thon Bookmark. Informational packets are sent home (that's this packet!). Students may begin to gather pledges and share their custom donation page on social media!

October 5-16 – Submit Reading Slips & Minutes! Each day scan the QR Code to log minutes read and submit reading slips for Daily Prize Drawings each school day.

October 22 – Last day to submit pledges and donations!

A Few More Details:

What Does Read-a-Thon Support: Read-a-thon is our biggest fundraiser of the year, budgeted this year to account for over 71% of the PTGO monetary needs. The PTGO funds many school-wide subscriptions (like Reflex Math, and PebbleGo), community events, and teacher appreciation efforts. It also provides supporting funds for specials, subject-coaches, and all grade-level teachers. Funds raised by Read-a-thon are budgeted by the PTGO membership with thoughtful consideration.

Using MemberHub Online Donation Portal: As always, we welcome cash and check donations but also provide a user-friendly on-line donation portal using MemberHub (also called GiveBacks). Each student receives a custom donation page that can be shared via social media, email, or text. Memberhub also tracks donations received and allows for "Angel Donations."

Angel Sponsors: Angel sponsors donate to Read-a-thon without sponsoring a specific reader. Thanks to the generosity of our "Angel" donors, we can reward *all* readers who participate by logging minutes read with both the 2025 Custom Bookmark & Tier 1 prize (even those unable to raise donations independently).

The Fine Print: Only students enrolled at RPES are eligible to participate and win prizes. Reading minutes include school assignments completed at home, your child reading independently or aloud to someone, and someone reading to your child, including audiobooks. All Read-a-Thon donations are tax deductible (**Tax ID#: 26-2601414**). Many employers have a "company match" program, ask your sponsors to check into this as an easy way to work toward our fundraising goal! Students should not ask strangers for donations – safety first! Cash, Checks (made to RPES PTGO), Online Credit Card Payments (made through the RPES PTGO website), and online donations made through MemberHub/Givebacks are acceptable forms of payment. **Questions: Email us at RiverParkPTGO@gmail.com**

Track Our Read-A-Thon Goals Here:

<https://www.riverparkptgo.com/2025-river-park-read-a-thon/>

PRIZES!!!

Tier/Goal	Prize Earned
ALL Read-a-thon Participants	
Complete Reading Promise	"Official" 2025 Read-a-Thon bookmark that may be used throughout Read-a-Thon
Daily Reading Prizes	<p>Submit your reading slip each day in a collectible box for a chance to win a magical lego puzzle, an invisible ink pen or a magic wand– 2 winners/grade level/day.</p> <p>At the end of Read-a-Thon one GRAND PRIZE winner will receive a \$25 book fair certificate! 10 additional winners will receive an invitation to a Magic Show at school (more daily slip submissions = a higher chance of winning!)</p>
Individual Donation Collection Tiers	
Tier 1: \$25 or more	Magical Galaxy Bouncy Ball
Tier 2: \$100 or more	Magic Trick Set <i>(Plus Lower Tier Prizes)</i>
Tier 3: \$300 or more	Invitation to the Dana Hill Magic Show, performed at school & a Magical Book <i>(Plus Lower Tier Prizes)</i>
Tier 4: \$500 or more*	Unforgettable Escape Room experience (for 1 adult +1 child) & Official 2025 Read-a-Thon T-shirt & Tiger Hall of Fame Recognition <i>(Plus Lower Tier Prizes)</i>
Individual Reading Prizes	
Top 2 Readers/Grade	Invitation to a school Magic Show & 2025 Read-a-Thon T-Shirt & Tiger Hall of Fame Recognition + get to try on Harry Potter's invisibility cloak
School-Wide Prizes	
Class with Most Minutes Read/Grade	Students receive a "Wizards and Fairies Under the Stars" icecream/ popsicle dance party!
Class with Highest Participation/Grade	Students receive a "Wizards and Fairies Under the Stars" icecream/ popsicle dance party!
School Raises \$34,000	Schoolwide Popcorn + Movie party!
School Raises \$40,000	EVERY student in the school attends the magic show!
Students Read 140k minutes	Schoolwide popsicle game party

*** Tier 4 Sibling Discount:** Families with multiple students at RPES receive a discount. If one child raises enough money to qualify for Tier 4 prizes, other siblings who raise at least \$150 each will also receive Tier 4 prizes. Thank you for your support!



My Reading Promise

I, _____, am committed to reading every night during the 2025 Read-a-thon!

I hereby promise to read _____ minutes per night from Sunday, October 5 through Thursday, October 16 to support the Read-a-thon fundraiser and River Park Elementary School!

Student Signature

Place this promise in a spot where you can see it everyday as a reminder of your commitment. After reading each night, take **TWO steps** to show your participation and log your minutes read.

1. **Fill out one of the reading slips** included in the Read-a-Thon info packet and place it in one of the collection bins at school. (These slips are your entry for the daily prize drawings and the grand prize drawing)
2. **Scan the QR code** on the reading slip to log the number of minutes you read. (Logging your minutes will contribute to your class reading and participation totals to earn an ice cream party. These form submissions are also how we track the top readers from each grade level! - please complete a new form each night to log nightly reading minutes.)

2025 River Park Read-a-Thon

Pledge Form

Make a pledge to encourage reading and raise money for River Park Elementary School PTGO!
Our Read-a-Thon will be based on minutes read per student between October 5th and October 16th 2025.

There are two ways to make a pledge

1. You may sponsor a student for a flat amount. For example, if you pledge a flat donation of \$20, no matter how much the student reads you will owe \$20.
2. You can pledge an amount for minutes read. For example, a student reads 300 minutes over the span of the read-a-thon. If you sponsored this student for 10 cents per minute, you would owe $\$0.10 \times 300 = \30 . Or at 1 cent a minute, you would owe $\$0.01 \times 500 = \3 . You may also put a limit on any donation, just indicate that on the pledge form.

You can pay with PayPal (riverparkptgo@gmail.com) or through our Memberhub/Givebacks site (see QR code below), cash, or check payable to River Park PTGO. You can contribute now (if it's a flat donation) or at the end of the read-a-thon, but all donations must be submitted by October 22nd 2025. Any checks or cash can be sent into school with your child by October 22nd, 2025.

Students name: _____ Teacher: _____

#	Name and Address	I will make a flat donation	I will sponsor this amount per minutes	Do not exceed
	Sample # 1 504 Anyplace Dr	\$25		
	Sample #2 340 Bookworm Ct		5 cents	\$25
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**To Donate please go to member hub website
(use QR or website below)**

<https://app.givebacks.gives/rpes25>

Donations without crediting a student will go to the Angel Fund.

Magical Reads for Your Adventure

Our school and community librarians have handpicked some amazing magical books just for you! Ready to dive into worlds of wonder, mystery, and adventure? Check out these enchanted reads right here at your libraries!

Magical books at the school's library



Magical Books at Orange County library

