

Host a **Read Local Party** at your Library, Bookstore, or School!

This fall, kick off the **Read Local Challenge 2017/2018** at your school, bookstore, or library with bookish celebration, featuring a local author or illustrator, that's specially designed to get children and teens excited about reading!

What is the Read Local Challenge?

A reading incentive program run by the MD/DE/WV region of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, featuring traditionally-published authors and illustrators in Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Individuals or groups who complete the challenge contact us directly to become eligible for prize drawings. Program materials are available for download at <http://mddeuv.scbwi.org/read-local/> or can be requested by emailing mddeuvpal@gmail.com.

How can my Library, School, or Bookstore participate?

- Help us get the word out! We handle all the registrations and drawings, so all you have to do is make the program materials available to your customers or students.
- Host a Read Local Party in October or November 2017. It's easy and fun!
- Read together (or individually)! The Read Local Challenge is designed to be accessible for individual readers as well as groups. Share the challenge with your book clubs and class groups and count the books you read together! But don't forget individual readers. (You don't need a group to enter.)

Tell me more about hosting a Read Local Party!

We will provide:

- A visit from a Read Local author or illustrator, who will give a 15-20-minute presentation.*
- This Read Local Party idea kit, featuring easy games and activities to keep the fun going.
- Read Local poster/gameboards.
- Read Local stickers.

**Visiting author's/illustrator's books must be made available for sale during the event.*

You provide:

- A party space
- Guests - The more the merrier! Post the information on your websites and public spaces, and invite the whole community to Read Local with us!
- Simple art supplies (such as crayons, paper, and glue) for the crafts you choose from the party pack

Sounds great! How do I schedule a Read Local Party?

Just click the [big green button on our website](#) and fill out the form. We'll ask for the following information:

- contact name, email, and phone number
- address where the event will be held
- preferred dates and times
- target age group (so we can best match the author/illustrator to attend your event)

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