

## 4-H Read to Me List of Storybook Favorites...

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst

**Aunty Pua's Dilemma** by Ann Kondo Corum

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?**  
by Bill Martin, Jr.

**Caps for Sale** by Esphyr Slobodkina

**Charlie the Caterpillar** by Dom Deluise

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by John Archambault

**Clifford, the Big Red Dog** by Norman Bridwell

**Corduroy** by Don Freeman

**Curious George** by Margret Rey, et al.

**The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash**  
by Trinka Hakes Noble

**The Elephant's Child** by Rudyard Kipling

**The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein

**Glad Monster, Sad Monster** by Ed Emberley

**Harriet** by Deborah Inkpen

**How the Ant Family Came to Hawai'i** by Maili Yardley

**How the B-52 Cockroach Learned to Fly**  
by Lisa Matsumoto

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff

**I Never Win!** by Judy Delton

**In the Small, Small Pond** by Denise Fleming

**Ming Lo Moves the Mountain** by Arnold Lobel

**Moki and the Magic Surfboard** by Bruce Hale

**The Musubi Man** by Sandi Takayama

**Me First** by Helen Lester

**The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister

**The Royal Raven** by Hans Wilhelm

**Stephanie's Ponytail** by Robert Munsch

**The Three Little Hawaiian Pigs and the Magic Shark**  
By Donivee Martin Laird

**The Velveteen Rabbit** by Margery Williams

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle

**A Whale's Tale** by Gill McBarnet

**Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak



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## Why Read Aloud?

Reading aloud to children is one of the most effective ways parents and caregivers can help children learn to read.

The time spent together also builds strong emotional bonds between the reader and child.



## How Do Children Benefit?

Reading aloud to children helps them:

- Develop stronger language skills
- Learn many new words
- Learn to ask questions about the story
- Learn to make connections between pictures and words
- Develop listening skills
- Develop a lifelong love of reading
- Learn that reading is fun and valuable!

## Why Should Children See Their Parents Reading?

Parents help children learn to read by reading themselves. This demonstrates to children that parents value learning and that reading is enjoyable. As children watch parents read books and magazines, they often try to imitate these behaviors.

Parents can engage children in other activities such as playing games with flash cards or reading roadside signs and descriptions on consumer goods. These types of activities will also encourage children to read.



## About the 4-H Read to Me Program

The Oahu 4-H Read to Me program is a project of the Oahu 4-H program which provides opportunities for youth (11-17 years old) to share stories with young children and encourage them to read.

Adult volunteers work with 4-H youth volunteers to create storybook aprons and learn storytelling techniques. The 4-H youth then use the aprons as storyboards or to store little props to enhance the stories.

## All About 4-H

4-H is an organization for youth, ages 5-19, that promotes hands-on learning and is based on parent and volunteer participation. 4-H welcomes all youth (and adult volunteers) from all backgrounds in all locales (rural and urban) regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, medical condition or disability.

The Hawaii 4-H program is run through county Cooperative Extension offices, the University of Hawaii, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and a variety of volunteer councils and foundations.

4-H has many different programs including after-school programs, school enrichment, and 4-H clubs.

4-H clubs are one of the most popular and visible parts of the overall 4-H program. A 4-H club is run by youth with the help of one or more adult advisors.

Each club offers one or more projects. Projects are the heart of 4-H's hands-on learning. Each project focuses on a topic - anything from art to zoology - including cows, bugs, cooking, skateboarding, camping, photography, candy, and rocket science.

## How Can I Join?

To learn more about joining a 4-H club, contact:

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