

Everything you need to host a school-wide...

BOOK-A-THON FUNDRAISER

**NOTES TO LIBRARIAN
OR TEACHER**

- Most of the text on the worksheets
- The font used

FLAT DONATIONS

Flat donations. This is a great option for parents might not want to spend money on books. This is a great option for parents who don't want to spend money on books.

TIPS

Read in minutes read rather than pages read.

BOOK-A-THON TRACKING SHEET

MY BOOK-A-THON GOALS:

Books read / day

**DIRECTIONS FOR
TEACHERS & LIBRARIANS**

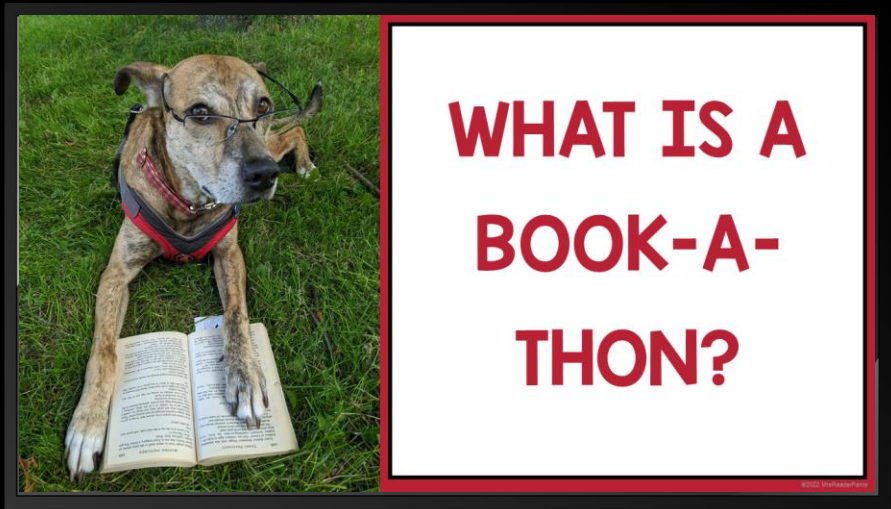
If your Read-A-Thon is a month long, you will want to have a tracking sheet available.

BOOK-A-THON TRACKING SHEET

Encourage students to read for 15-20 minutes each day. This is a great way to encourage students to read for 15-20 minutes each day.

WHAT IS A BOOK-A-THON?

A Book-a-Thon is a fundraising event where students read books for a set period of time. This is a great way to encourage students to read for 15-20 minutes each day.



**WHAT IS A
BOOK-A-
THON?**

**GRADES
3-7**



THREE FORMATS

Presentation and printables are all editable in three formats:

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR OUR LIBRARY?

- New books?
- More graphic novels?
- More makerspace materials?
- Puzzles and games?
- Sewing machines?
- A 3-D printer?
- Comfy furniture?



A BOOK-A-THON CAN TAKE US THERE!


- Step One: Gather pledges.
- Step Two: Read, read, read!
- Step Three: Collect money.
- Step Four: Turn in the money at the library
- Step Five: Buy cool stuff for the library!



- PowerPoint
- Google Slides
- PDF

READING PLEDGE SHEETS

BOOK-A-THON PLEDGE SHEET



Dear parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends,
 It's our **first-ever** Book-a-Thon fundraiser! In a Book-a-Thon, student collect pledges for each minute they read. The pledges may be a flat donation, or they may be for 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, or even \$1 per minute.

Our Book-a-Thon will take place from 6:00 am on Monday, January 27 through 6:00 pm Saturday, February 2. This is a possible 10,800 minutes of reading! In this time, students show as much as possible and log their minutes on the grid below.

All proceeds from the Book-a-Thon help buy more books for our library!

Teacher: _____
 Student Name: _____
 My Daily Reading Goal: _____ minutes My weekly goal: _____

Name of donor	cents per minute (write FLAT for a flat donation)	Total Minutes read during entire Book-a-Thon
Aunt Amy	3¢/minute	200 minutes

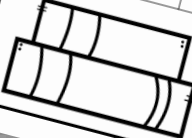
Give this sheet + money collected to the librarian by Friday, Feb. 7.

BOOK-A-THON PLEDGE SHEET

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Fill out these two columns after the Book-A-Thon ends

Name of donor	cents per minute (write FLAT for a flat donation)	Total Minutes read during entire Book-a-Thon	Total collected	Collected?
Aunt Amy	3¢/minute	200 minutes	\$6.00	☺
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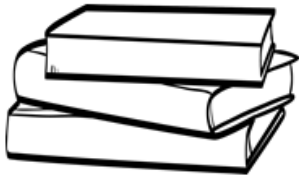


Please put this sheet + money collected in an envelope. Give to Ms. Librarian by Friday, Feb. 7.

Includes short letter to parents at the top of page 1. All text is editable.

LETTER TO PARENTS

BOOK-A-THON PLEDGE SHEET



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Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

This is a zoomed-in image of the top of the Book-A-Thon Pledge Sheet. No separate letter to parents is needed.

TRACKING SHEETS

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

BOOK-A-THON TRACKING SHEET

Starts: Monday morning, January 27 (6:00 am)
Ends: Sunday night, February 2 (6:00 pm)

MY BOOK-A-THON GOALS:
_____ minutes / day
_____ minutes / week

Keep track of your reading during this week's Book-a-Thon below. When the Book-a-Thon ends, turn in the pledge sheet and the money collected (correct change, in an envelope if possible) to the librarian by Friday, Feb. 7.

Date	# of minutes read	Parent or teacher's initials

Total minutes on this side: _____

Keep reading! You're doing great!

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COMPLETE DIRECTIONS, TIPS, AND IDEAS

DIRECTIONS FOR TEACHERS & LIBRARIANS

- If your Book-a-Thon is a month long, you will want to have extra copies of the Pledge Sheet and Tracking Sheet available in the library.
- If this is your first RAT, I strongly suggest you start with a short one. I personally love having a [Library Lock-In](#), a 2-3 hour reading marathon that happens one day after school. Library Lock-Ins are great for students to discuss books and their possibilities.

DIRECTIONS FOR TEACHERS & LIBRARIANS

- Read through all materials in this packet carefully. All parts are editable except for the clipart. You may want to change the directions to fit your library, but you MUST change the **text** to match your school.
- Students will need a total of FOUR pages. Print and print the slides front to back together.
- Give out the RAT packet about a week before it starts.
- Students will turn in the Pledge Sheet AND Tracking Sheet **after** they collect the pledge money.

FLAT DONATIONS

- Pledges may also be flat donations. This is a great option for voracious readers whose parents might not want to pledge by the minute. It could get expensive! Instead, they might want to pledge a flat donation of \$5 or \$10.
- After the Book-a-Thon ends, students are responsible for collecting the pledges from those who made them. Make sure this is crystal clear to your students/parents! The money should be collected and turned in to the librarian within a week of the end of the book-a-thon.

WHAT IS A BOOK-A-THON?

- A Book-a-Thon is a fundraiser that encourages students to read as much as they can in a certain period of time. This might be a single day, a week, or an entire month. It's great for celebrating Read Across America, World Book Day, Book Week, Literacy Months, author birthdays, Back to School, Library Lock-Ins, and more.
- This is a fundraiser, but students do not sell anything. Instead, they collect pledges for each minute they read. Let's say a student's grandfather pledges 3¢ per minute, and the student reads a total of 200 minutes during the Book-a-Thon period. The student would then collect \$6 from the grandfather.

TIPS

- Ask for pledges in minutes read rather than pages read. Doing the Book-a-Thon by number of pages will result in some students reading books that are far too easy for them.
- Allow flat donations. Flat donations allow donors to control their costs. If they pledge \$5, they only donate \$5 regardless of how much or little the student reads.
- That said, I think flat donations discourage students from actually doing the reading. If a student only collects flat donations, their excitement to read "as much as possible" may die down.
- Offer library lock-ins. Library lock-ins are a great way to get students to read for a few hours.

NOTES TO LIBRARIAN OR TEACHER

- Most of the text on the worksheets is editable.
- The font used in the titles is [KG Blank Space Solid](#). It is available on TPT as a FREE download for personal or classroom use.
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