

# **CERTIFIED LAUGHTER READERS AT THE BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

***April Showers Bring May Flowers***

***Smiles bloom during library hours!***

***(something to this effect)***

These are the ideas we come up with for CLR as far as tracking goes. We have found that children like to see their efforts rewarded. They are amused at the idea of getting something each time they visit the library or read a book. Currently we are promoting our Winter Reading Club and every time a child visits the library, he or she can put a sticker on his/her snowball which is taped to a bookend here in the Children's Dept. With the CLR program taking place in April, we thought something with umbrellas may work.

Become a certified laughter reader by tracking the funny books you read during the month of April. Every funny book will earn you a stripe on your umbrella. When your umbrella is completely filled in, you are deemed a Certified Laughter Reader and will receive an official (certificate)?

Perhaps smiley faces would be more appropriate though. Children could add to the face each time they read a book. Last

book—how funny was it? Determines the mouth on the smiley face. Closed smile, open smile, laugh, etc.

We also thought we should try the World Laughter Day event again and open it to all certified laugh readers and their families! Special invitation only! This could turn into a really grand event and would be so much fun to plan!

Additional ideas:

Joke on the easel board every day

Booklists for funny picture books, chapter books, etc

We think forms should be filled out for each book. Name, Title, Funniest part of book..

Everyone has heard of karaoke...why not jokeoake (spelling?) We could have an open forum where kids could come and tell their funniest jokes, riddles, etc.

Miss Ing from the Shaler Library of the North Hills came up with the ideas of having different levels. Smile, grin, laugh, belly laugh, wet your pants! She also thought of having them perform different tasks, in addition to reading books, in order to achieve their CLR status. Such tasks could include telling a joke, performing a skit, writing a funny story, etc. She would be able to elaborate upon the idea and provide more information.

We are happy to be trying out this new AWESOME idea. Thank you for including us and giving us the opportunity to bring more laughter into kids' lives! 😊