

# Reading

“I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book” – J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter Series

What better way to spend a cold day, then curled up with a good book? Reading can teach us something new, make us laugh, or transport us to other times and places! While reading may seem like a solitary activity, it can help us connect with others and the world around us. Whether you're a book worm or a beginner, this patch will show you how to use reading to discover, connect, and take action in your community!

How to earn the *Reading* patch the Girl Scout way:

## Steps:

1. **Discover**—Discover new reading materials and find out what you like to read.
2. **Connect**—Use reading to connect with others and the world around you.
3. **Take Action**—Share the fun of reading in your community.

## Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll need a few things:

- reading materials (You can either go online with an adult or visit your local library or bookstore.)

## STEP

# 1

## Read, read, read!

Go to your local library or bookstore, or go online to do one of the following activities:

1. Visit your local library and browse the shelves. Find out what different types of books they have available from fiction, like adventure and mystery to non-fiction, like history and biography. Read the summary on the back of the book and pick something you think you'll enjoy.
2. Read three different types of materials such as a chapter from a book, a newspaper article, and a comic. How are they different? What did you like the best?
3. Many movies are adapted from books. Find out which of your favorite movies is also a book and read it. How was the book different? Which one did you like better?

## STEP

# 2

## Connect the written world with the real world.

Choose one of the following to help you use reading to connect with others and the world around you:

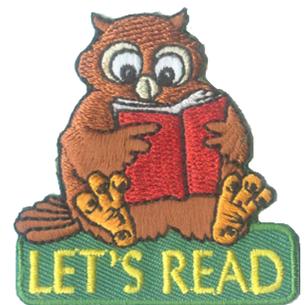
1. Find a professional writer and read something they wrote. Talk to them about their writing. Why did they write it? What were they hoping to share with the readers?
2. Find a friend and swap your favorite books. Why do you think they liked it? Discuss the books together.
3. Do some research on the author of your favorite book. Why did they write it? What do you think they were hoping to share with the readers? How is their writing a reflection of their real life or the world?

# STEP 3

## Take Action to share the fun of reading in your community.

Think about how reading can make a difference in your community. Choose one of the following or come up with your own idea:

1. Have a book drive. Donate your old books to libraries, schools, troops overseas, etc. and encourage others to do the same.
2. Read to someone else. Volunteer to read to residents at a retirement home, children at a library, or animals at a shelter.
3. Start a book club. Gather your friends and meet regularly to discuss your latest favorite book.



### All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Reading fun patch.

After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at **800-248-3355** to purchase your patch.\* A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash, or tunic.

*\*Patch shown may be substituted with similar patch, based on availability.*