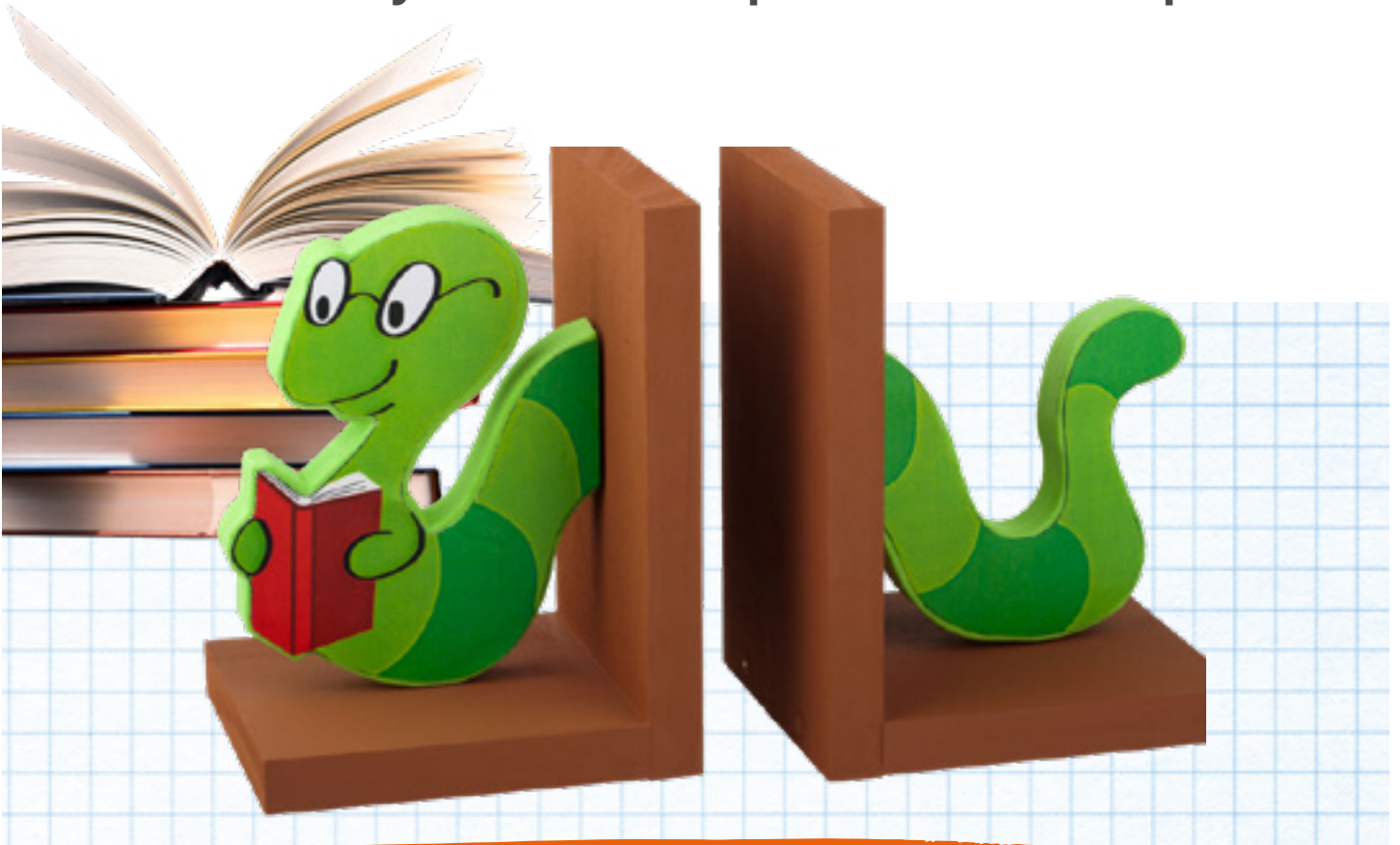


# WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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## BOOKWORM BOOKENDS

Ages 5-12

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## Who will be the best reader in your family?

### Dive into a world of books

Suspenseful mysteries. Unusual facts about animals. Superhero feats. Historical adventures. What do these have in common?

You can find them all within the pages of a book!

There's no better way to use your imagination than to dive into reading. While computer games, movies, and TV shows are entertaining, they do the "creating" for you and everything happens right before your eyes. When you read, it's different. Your mind wanders, your creativity gets to work, and before you know it, you can imagine the very things you're reading about!

What are some of your favorite books? Chapter books, graphic novels, and picture books all count!



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Now take a look back at the list you just jotted down. Are these books mostly **fiction** (about imaginary events and people) or **nonfiction** (about true events and people)? Most people have a preference towards one genre or the other. As a reader, it's important to challenge yourself to read all kinds of books, including those that may be a little out of your comfort zone!



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## **Bookend Reading Challenge**

There's no better way to encourage yourself to read than to have a bit of friendly competition, so let's bring your family in on the fun with a family reading challenge! Follow the steps below to get started. varies depends on how strong the magnets are. This invisible area is called a magnetic field!

### **You'll need...**

- Your Bookworm Bookends
- Fine point colored permanent markers
- Digital timer or stopwatch
- Fiction and non-fiction books

*(These could be books you already own or books you borrow from your school or public library)*

1. Pick up the bookend with the worm's face. On the top edge of this bookend, write "Fiction" in as large of letters as can fit.
2. Now pick up the bookend with the worm's tale. On the same top edge, write "Nonfiction" in as large of letters as you can fit.
3. Speak with your family about who would like to participate in the reading challenge. (Encourage everyone who can read to join in on the fun!) Every participating family member should:
  - a. Write his/her name in small letters on one edge of the nonfiction bookend and one edge of the fiction bookend like this:

**Mom**

**Tip:** *There are five remaining edges on each bookend. If you will be having more than five people participate, you can easily find space on other areas of each bookend!*



- b. Choose a symbol they will put on the bookend to mark when 20 minutes of reading has been completed. These symbols should be no bigger than the tip of your pinky finger and could be as simple as a dot or a little more complicated like a star, a swirl, or a smiley face.



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4. Finally, select a challenge start date and end date. (If you're unsure, a period of one month will work well.)

## Let the Challenge Begin

Once you're all set up, quickly review the rules below and then it's time to begin!

1. Every time you read, use the timer or a clock to keep track of your reading minutes.
2. For every 20 minutes of reading that you complete each day, mark your symbol on your edge of the corresponding bookend. For instance, if you read a fiction book for 20 minutes and your symbol is a blue dot, make one blue dot by your name on the fiction bookend. If you read nonfiction for 40 minutes one day, make two blue dots by your name on the nonfiction bookend. Always try to read in at least 20-minute increments so you can mark it.
3. Whenever you or a family member finishes a book, put it between the bookends. It will be fun to watch your collection grow! Then select another book and keep on reading. Challenge yourself to read both fiction and nonfiction texts!

Got it? Now: Ready...Set...READ!



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## And the Award Goes to...

When the month (or whichever period you chose) is up, it's award time! With your family, think about the challenge, review the progress everyone made, and brainstorm what each family member could be recognized for. Once you have an idea, fill out the certificates on the following page for each other, present the awards, and celebrate!

### Some award ideas could include:

- Reading the most minutes
- Reading the most nonfiction
- Reading the most fiction
- Finishing the most books
- Encouraging us to read the most
- Reading the biggest variety of books





# Certificate of Reading Achievement

Awarded to:

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For: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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