



Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Between **13–26 September**, Open Door Basel is sponsoring a two-week *Basel-wide Readathon*, and we warmly encourage your child to participate.

ALL proceeds from the **Readathon** will be donated to Room to Read, a non-profit organisation that seeks to transform the lives of millions of children in low-income communities worldwide by focusing on literacy and gender equality in education.

The rules of the **Readathon** are simple:

1. **Who should participate?** Anyone, really! But we specifically encourage children from the ages of 6-years plus to join.
2. **Help your child find sponsors.** Using the sponsor form on pages 3–4, friends and family can voluntarily pledge funds **either by page number OR a flat donation**.
3. **Start reading!** From 13–26 September your child should aim to read between 10–15 minutes per day. Record the number of full pages read at the end of each day (on the calendar & reading tracker on page 4) and sign your initials.
4. **Collect pledges and donate.** After the reading period ends on 26 September, collect the pledges and donate it to our **Room to Read fundraising link**. Don't forget to send us (via email or post) your child's completed sponsorship form by 6 October, because...
5. **Winners announced and certificates will be sent out!** Each participating child will receive a certificate of completion from Open Door Basel, AND, to provide an incentive for some extra readathon fundraising, the top three earners will be awarded special prizes.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. Our goals for this Readathon include teaching your children the value of donation and helping them develop a love for reading. Further details about our Readathon are available on our website [www.opendoorbasel.ch](http://www.opendoorbasel.ch).

Thank you for your support,

The Open Door team

# CALENDAR & READING TRACKER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>6 Sep</b>	<b>7 Sep</b>	<b>8 Sep</b>	<b>9 Sep</b>	<b>10 Sep</b>	<b>11 Sep</b>	<b>12 Sep</b>
Information distributed	FIND sponsors	FIND sponsors	FIND sponsors	FIND sponsors	FIND sponsors	FIND sponsors
<b>13 Sep</b>	<b>14 Sep</b>	<b>15 Sep</b>	<b>16 Sep</b>	<b>17 Sep</b>	<b>18 Sep</b>	<b>19 Sep</b>
<b>START!</b>	READ	READ	READ	READ	READ	READ
_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages
Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____
<b>20 Sep</b>	<b>21 Sep</b>	<b>22 Sep</b>	<b>23 Sep</b>	<b>24 Sep</b>	<b>25 Sep</b>	<b>26 Sep</b>
READ	READ	READ	READ	READ	READ	<b>FINAL DAY!</b>
_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages	_____ pages
Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____	Sign: _____
<b>27 Sep</b>	<b>28 Sep</b>	<b>29 Sep</b>	<b>30 Sep</b>	<b>1 Oct</b>	<b>2 Oct</b>	<b>3 Oct</b>
Collect pledges & donate	Collect pledges & donate	Collect pledges & donate	Collect pledges & donate	Collect pledges & donate	Collect pledges & donate	Collect pledges & donate
<b>4 Oct</b>	<b>5 Oct</b>	<b>6 Oct</b>	<b>Total pages read in 14 days:</b> _____ <b>Parent's Signature:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____ <b>Total amount donated:</b> _____			
Return completed forms	Return completed forms	Return completed forms				

\*Note: Sponsors may complete pledge payment by either donating directly to Read to Room via our fundraising [link](#); or may pay directly to the parent/guardian, who can then complete the donation on their behalf.

# SPONSOR FORM

Name.....  
 .....  
 Address.....  
 .....  
 .....  
 Email.....  
 Phone number.....

Not quite sure how to ask people to sponsor you? Try saying this:

Dear [insert name of friend or family member]

I am participating in a Readathon to raise money for Room-to-Read, a non-profit organisation that wants to help other children learn to read and write well. Will you sponsor me for this important cause, either by total pages read or a flat donation?

Thank you,  
 [insert your name]

## PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN FULL

My daily goal is \_\_\_\_\_ pages per day, for an estimated \_\_\_\_\_ pages between 14–27 September

Sponsor's name	Pledge Amount PER PAGE	OR	Pledge Amount FLAT RATE	Total Due	Paid
Example: Mom & Dad	CHF 1			CHF 30	Yes
Example: Grandma			CHF 20	CHF 20	Yes

**\*Please hand in this completed form, together with the calendar reading tracker, by 6 Oct via email ([aparna.kabiraj@opendoorbasel.ch](mailto:aparna.kabiraj@opendoorbasel.ch)) or via post (Open Door Basel, Zwingerstrasse 20, 4053 Basel)**

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	Total pages read			Total amount collected	
	_____			CHF _____	

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