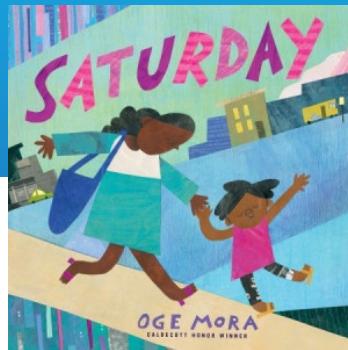


2022 Pennsylvania One Book Program Evaluation Highlights



The Selection

Since 2006, Pennsylvania's One Book program has highlighted the importance of early literacy development across the state. This year's selection, *Saturday*, was written and illustrated by Caldecott Honor recipient, Oge Mora. In a starred review, School Library Journal stated, "A story that weaves mindfulness, appreciation of family time, and the lesson that parents are human, into a gorgeously produced package. Perfection."

Program Resources

The 2022 PA One Book program included:

- A website of activities and information for sharing *Saturday*
paonebook.powerlibrary.org
- Alignment of all activities to Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- A printable PA One Book Activity Guide (also available in a large print version)
- Bookplates with discussion questions for *Saturday*
- A Virtual Author Event with Oge Mora

Printable Activity Guide

**PA ONE BOOK ACTIVITY GUIDE
SATURDAY BY OGE MORA**

BEFORE READING

- Talk with your child about what they notice about the book. Look at the cover and ask your child what they think this book might be about. What do they notice about the cover?
- Ask your child if they have ever looked forward to a very special day like a birthday or a holiday. What does it feel like when they're waiting for the day to come? How do they feel when the day is finally here?

DURING READING

- Throughout the reading of the story, ask your child to make predictions about what is coming next. Have your child think and share what might happen next to Ava and her mom.
- Ava and her mom are splashed with water. Where might the water have come from? Talk about different places where the water might have come from, like the rain, a fire hydrant, or someone washing their car.
- When things don't work out as they hoped, how does she feel? Is she really sad? Is she happy? Discuss different ways to respond when things don't work out as planned. Use words like frustrated, disappointed, or excited.

AFTER READING

- Ava enjoyed spending her Saturdays with her mom doing different activities. Have your child brainstorm what activities they would like to do with someone special on a Saturday. Why did they choose those activities and what makes them special?
- Ava and her mom always enjoy their Saturdays because Ava's mom works all of the other days of the week. Have your child explain what their typical week looks like. Do they have a special day of the week? Encourage them to label events and routines with words such as today, tomorrow, yesterday, next, etc.
- Ava and her mother spend some of their day walking outdoors. Explore a neighborhood, a park, or parade around your home! Talk about what you see.

SING IT!

Share this song with your child (to the tune of The Addams Family theme). Insert claps or pat to a leg instead of finger snaps.

Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week, days of the week (snap, snap)
There's Sunday and there's Monday,
There's Tuesday and there's Wednesday,
There's Thursday and there's Friday,
And then there's Saturday.
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week (snap, snap)
Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week.

Screenshot of Activity Guide found on website

Book Distribution

Approximately 7,400 copies of *Saturday* were distributed to Certified Child Care Programs across the state, including PA Pre-K Counts and Head Start grantees.

Each of the state's 667 libraries and library outlets also received a copy of *Saturday*.

Data from Early Childcare and Education Programs

Early learning professionals from Child Care Centers, Group Child Care Homes, and Family Child Care Homes across the state completed an online survey. Thirty-five counties were represented.

Nearly all the early learning professionals (90 percent) surveyed found the resources provided to be helpful to their programming with the book.

Many early childhood professionals (61 percent) involved parents by sharing PA One Book activities and information.

Quotes from Early Learning Professionals

"Our children love to read different books and the ONE BOOK program helps to give us the materials needed to do that as books are very high in price these days." - Danielle from FUN Academy, LLC in Lycoming County

"It helps tie our families, SD collaborators, and teachers together with a common focus. We love having people come in and read to the children and the children love seeing family members or SD staff they don't typically get to interact with (school custodian, superintendent, etc.) in their classrooms. It also allows these adults to see the value of reading with the children (and the importance of early education overall). It's a win-win...and one more high-quality book in the homes for our kiddos." – Kris from Blueprints in Washington County

Data from Library Programs

Libraries responding to this survey (n=134) reported offering a variety of library programs around the PA One Book selection, including storytimes, special One Book events, virtual, in-person, & hybrid programs, and outreach programs in a setting other than the library. Forty-six counties were represented in the completed surveys.

According to respondents, 340 PA One Book programs on the selection, *Saturday*, were held across the state with approximately 4,524 children attending. From the data collected, it is estimated that approximately 1,667 programs were held across the state, with approximately 21,671 children in attendance.

Quotes from Librarians

"One Book provides good quality books to children in the community. These books are sometimes the only ones available in a child's home. The positive reactions from the community in the past caused us to increase the free books we give out to the community at other programs. The handouts give us great examples to show parents how to extend the book. This is really helpful to parents." – Leslie from St. Mary's Public Library in Elk County

"The parents responded very positively regarding the One Book program, they enjoy coming in person and they were excited to gather together this year after Covid." – Tracey from Baldwin Borough Public Library in Allegheny County