

2022 Pennsylvania One Book Program Evaluation Highlights



The Selection

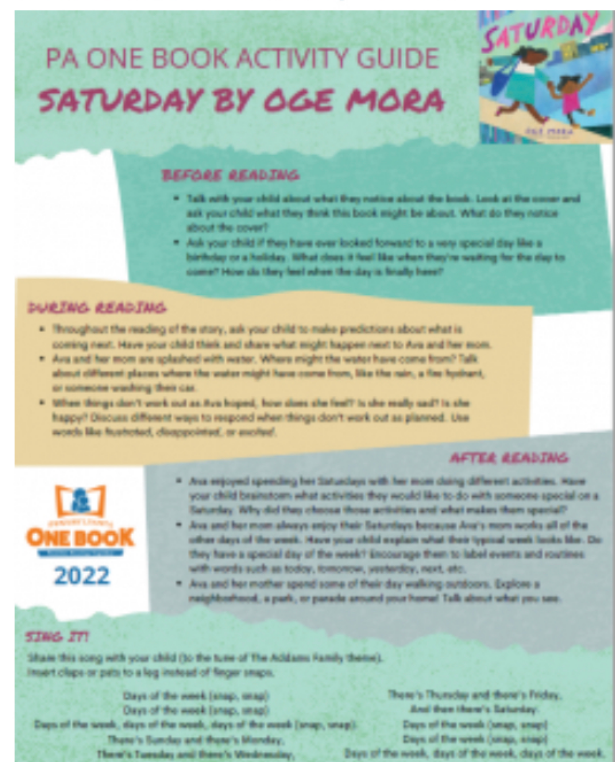
Since 2006, Pennsylvania's One Book program has highlighted the importance of early literacy development across the state. This year's selection, *Saturday*, was written and illustrated by Caldecott Honor recipient, Oge Mora. In a starred review, School Library Journal stated, "A story that weaves mindfulness,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



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