



Reading Rocks Try-It

It's never too soon to stress the importance of reading and literacy. To earn this patch, you must complete at least four of the following activities.

1. Make your own book. Imagine the story and write it on paper. Draw pictures to go with the story. Assemble the book or staple it together. Remember the cover. Share your new book with another person or your Girl Scout troop/group.
2. With your family or your troop, visit a library or bookstore. Find out some different types (genres) of books that are beyond the children's section. What else happens at the library or bookstore besides reading books? If you do not have a library card, have an adult help you get one.
3. Make a bookmark. Try to use materials you have not used before such as natural materials like grasses or leaves (pressed and layered between sticky tape) or recycled materials like envelopes, magazines, fabric or felt. You can make bookmarks for different holidays or to go with different books.
4. With an adult, go through the books you have at home and decide which ones you do not read anymore. Make a donation of these books to a shelter in your town or to a preschool or hospital. Your library may also take donations of used books.
5. Read your favorite story and tell it to someone else in a different way. You may try to act out the story in a play including costumes, make puppets or shadow puppets, a diorama or a painting. Be sure to include something you learned in the story.
6. Make a tote bag to hold all the books you love to read. Start with a plain bag and decorate it using paint, markers, jewels or anything else to personalize it just for you. Remember to include your name in the inside.

The Reading Rocks Council Try-It may be obtained from the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Shops. You may shop online at www.gsofct.org > Shop. You may also contact them at 203-234-6253 or shop@gsofct.org. Please contact the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Program Department for further information at 203-239-2922 or 800-922-2770 or program@gsofct.org.

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