Our Own Council's Try-It:
Drop Everything and Read

Choose five activities to complete this Try It.

1. As a group, choose and read four books and have a meeting or camp out with one activity from each of the books.

2. Put on a play based on a story you have read. Rewrite one of the stories and act it out. Wilfrid Gordon MacDonald Partridge by Mem Fox is a simple story and works well as a play.

3. Make a meal or snack based on a story: Stone Soup or The Chocolate Touch for example.

4. Make and model a costume from one of the books your whole group has read. Each girl should use the same base to begin her creation: a paper bag, an oversize T-Shirt or a leotard for example. Provide lots of things to glue, tape, pin, tie, color, paint on the costume base.

5. Invite a storyteller to tell a story at your meeting. Your library is a good resource for locating a storyteller. OR listen to a book on tape. After listening to the storyteller of the book on tape, practice telling lines of a story with expression.

6. Make and write your own book. To make your book, sew five blank pieces of paper together with a seam down the center, fold in half. Spray glue first and last pages to a piece of cardboard covered in contact paper for a hard cover. (Ramona Quimby's invention, see Ramona Quimby Age 8 by Beverly Cleary.)

7. Do a book review. At each meeting have one girl talk about (review) a book she has recently read. By year's end everyone will be talking about what they've read.

8. Help others learn to read. Each girl could donate one of their used books to a local literacy project. OR the troop could find a project in their community or school that would promote reading.

9. Chart your progress. Make a booklet or chart so each girl can write down the title, author and date for each book she reads throughout the year.

Developed by: ***Brownie Troop 114***
Roanoke, Virginia
Chris Iannelio and Pat White Leaders