




Build PEACE at your Library ***Engage Children & Youth in Peace Day!***


The **United Nations International Day of Peace** (“Peace Day”) is observed across the world each year on and around September 21. **Peace Day Philly**, the Philadelphia region initiative for Peace Day, will take place Sept. 17 - Sept. 23, 2017. Learn more about Peace Day, local events and more at: at www.peacedayphilly.org.


2017 Peace Day theme: ***Together for Peace: Respect, Safety & Dignity for All***

Set aside time during this week to engage kids in peace activities that build awareness, understanding, compassion, racial/intercultural respect and citizenship.

Here are a few ideas for bringing Peace Day into your library...

 **Breathe Peace!** Kids can watch this 3-minute video on breathing & mindfulness: <https://vimeo.com/114715169>. Then lead them in a simple breathing exercise <http://bit.ly/1fdBjMu>. Kids can write or draw how they felt before and after peace breathing and can keep images in their desks/lockers as a reminder to breathe.

 **Spin Peace!** Create pinwheels with peace words and images. Go to <http://bit.ly/1FloMur> for this and many other peace art ideas.

 **Read Peace!** During regular reading times, share a multicultural children’s book <http://bit.ly/2rXwJN4> - or an inspiring book <http://bit.ly/2iSVfHz> - about Peace.

 **Pledge Peace!** Kids can create and share their own Peace Pledge. For templates: <http://bit.ly/1uFtPoI>.

 **Explore Peace!** Share one of the *Global Oneness Project*’s lessons, like a refugee photo essay: <http://bit.ly/2rEy7Rt> and spark a discussion about global issues.

Many more Peace Day activity ideas and resource links can be found in the “***What Can You Do?***” section of www.peacedayphilly.org.

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