Spice Up Summer Reading

Here are a few ideas to spice up summer reading. The links after each idea offer practical steps to accomplish each one. Do take a minute to explore one or two that catches your eye!

1. Visit the **local library.** Find a quiet corner and read a stack of new books together.
2. Learn how and when the **bookmobile** was invented and reinvented. (Hint: Elkhart, IN! *Library Bookmobile)*
3. Build a **blanket tent** and read with a flashlight or book light. (*Getting Kids to Read under the Covers*)
4. **Act out** a storybook. (*5 Books for Kids to Act Out after Reading*)
5. Make **puppets** to retell a story. (inexpensive used Amazon book: *How to Make Puppets with Children*)
6. Listen to an **audio book** together while traveling. (I loved the Secret Garden or The Chronicles of Narnia!)
7. Read a **book** and then watch the **movie** version. (Here's a great list: *100 Best Movies Based on Books for kids*)
8. After reading a favorite book, **write the author** (via the publisher). (*How to Write to an Author*)
9. Host a **kids' book club**. (This article has suggested books by grade level! (*How to Start Book Clubs for Kids*)
10. Make a **mini-poster** with a favorite quote from Winnie the Pooh or Charlotte's Web. (*3 Ways to Make a Poster* OR use the Canva app on your phone!)