



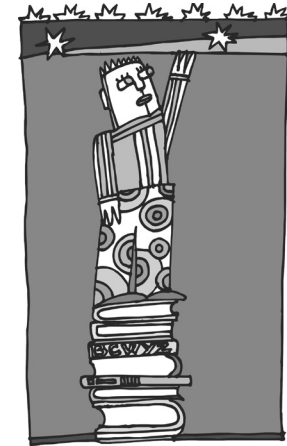
# International Literacy Day

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International Literacy Day is celebrated each year on September 8.

The aim of International Literacy Day is to focus attention on the need to increase literacy levels worldwide.

It is estimated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that 860 million of the world's adults do not know how to read and write, and more than 100 million children lack access to education.

On International Literacy Day individuals, organizations, and states throughout the world renew their efforts to promote literacy and demonstrate their commitment to providing education for all.