

Summer Reading 2021

Be a Reading Family and Commit to Summer Reading!

The research says: "Summer reading loss refers to the decline in a child's reading development that can occur during summer vacation when they are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs" (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). The research is consistent: when children do not read during the summer, the impact of summer reading loss is significant for all. Students who do not read during the summer lose approximately three months of progress. These months accumulate over time and students may continue to fall behind their peers.

Our goal is to keep students reading year round in order to maintain their current reading level. We want to stop the summer learning slide.

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Tails AND Tales



Suggested reading for students entering 3rd Grade

Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon by Torben Kuhlmann

AstroNuts: The Plant Planet by Jon Scieszka and Steven Weinberg

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon

Douglas by Randy Cecil

Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World That Fairies Are Real by Marc Tyler Nobleman

Juana & Lucas by Juana Medina

Little Robot by Ben Hatke

Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando by Andrea Wang

A Narwhal and Jelly Book (series) by Ben Clanton

No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History Edited by Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V Dawson and Jeanette Bradley

The Oregon Trail (series) by Jesse Wiley

Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented by Tanya Lee Stone

Sergeant Reckless: The true story of the little horse who became a hero by Patricia McCormick

Tales from Deckawoo Drive (Books 1, 2, 3) by Kate DiCamillo

Weekends with Max and His Dad by Linda Urban

William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad by Don Tate

Yours Sincerely, Giraffe by Megumi Iwasa

Suggested reading for students entering 4th Grade

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia

Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure (Mouse Adventures) by Torben Kuhlmann

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise by David Ezra Stein

Just My Luck by Cammie McGovern

The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney

New Shoes by Sara Varon

Ophelia and The Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee

The Penderwicks (series) by Jeanne Birdsall

Stargazing by Jen Wang

The Tapper Twins Tear Up New York by Goeff Rodkey

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones and Katie Kath

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson, illustrations by Nina Mata

Waylon! Even More Awesome by Sara Pennypacker

Who Built That? Bridges: An Introduction to Ten Great Bridges and Their Designers by Didier Cornille

Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton

Suggested reading for students entering 5th Grade

All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World by Lori Alexander

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

Everything Robotics by Jennifer Swanson

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Knights vs. Dinosaurs by Matt Phelan

Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson

Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It by Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian illustrations by Pinkney

Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis

Mouseheart by Lisa Fiedler and Vivienne To

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford

Solar System: Our Place in Space by Rosemary Mosco and Jon Chad

Star Scouts by Mike Lawrence

Super Women: Six Scientists who Changed the World by Laurie Lawlor

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Suggested reading for students entering 6th Grade

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin

Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu

Code Word Courage by Kirby Larson

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary D. Schmidt

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs by Gail Jarrow

Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner

Sanity and Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Slacker by Gordon Korman

A Tangle of Knots by Lisa Graff

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scoot, & Harmony Becker

This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews

Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

Scholastic Literacy Pro
Scholastic Short Reads | Classlink

iReady MyPath | Classlink

AACPS Summer Programs
www.aacps.org/summer2021

Reading Rockets
www.readingrockets.org/article/391
10 weeks of summer reading adventures for kids.

ReadWriteThink
www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources
Parent & After-school resources; leveled by grade (K-12).

Epic
www.getepic.com
Over 35,000 digital texts

Discovery Kids
online.kidsdiscover.com
Discover all the world has to offer.

Starfall
www.starfall.com
Great site to practice literacy skills.

Parent Resources

www.aacpl.net/summer

www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=en

www.scholastic.com/parents/

www.pbs.org/parents/

www.todayparent.com/family/fun-and-safe-kids-websites/



In cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Public Library, www.aacpl.net

For more information contact the Elementary Reading & Integrated Literacy Office at 410-222-5455

Sign up for the 2021 Summer @ Your Library Challenge"

To sign-up online go to aacpl.beanstack.org

Tips for Families

- Be sure the summer schedule includes trips to the library.
- Encourage your child to talk with you about the books he/she is reading.

- Turn off the TV and video games for part of each day. Set aside time throughout the day to share and talk about the books you are both reading.
- Be a model for reading.

- Encourage your child to read all types of materials: newspapers, information books, comics, picture books, chapter books, magazines, and poetry, rhymes and even riddles.

- Always praise your child's efforts and interest in books.
- You can help prevent reading loss this summer!