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!

Sign up for the 2019 Summer @ Your Library Challenge

To sign-up online go to aacpl.beanstack.org or fill out this form and return it to your local library branch.

Student’s Name ____________________________
School ________________________________
Grade _________
E-mail ________________________________
Library Branch ____________________________

Parent Resources

www.aacpl.net/summer
www.colorincolorado.org/?langswitch=en
www.scholastic.com/parents/
www.pbs.org/parents/
www.todaysparent.com/family/
fun-and-safe-kids-websites/

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

### Pre-Kindergarten

- *A Big Guy Took My Ball!* by Mo Willems
- *A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* by Seth Fishman
  Illustrated by Isabel Greenberg
- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Phillip C. Stead
  *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates
- *Cloudette* by Tom Lichtenheld
- *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett
- *Fire Engine No. 9* by Mike Austin
- *Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd
- *Have You Seen Elephant?* by David Barrow
- *I Like Myself* by Karen Beaumont
- *I Must Have Bobo* by Eileen Rosenthal
- *The Little Red Cat: Who Ran Away from Home and Learned His ABC’s (the Hard Way)* by Patrick McDonnell
- *Nowhere Box* by Sam Zuppardi
- *¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z!/Olinguito, from A to Z!* by Lulu Delacre
- *1 Big Salad: A Delicious Counting Book* by Juana Medina
- *Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!* by Mike Twohy
- *Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett
- *Such a Little Mouse* by Alice Schertle and Stephanie Yue
  *Underground* by Denise Fleming
- *How Much Does a Ladybug Weigh?* by Alison Limentani
- *When’s My Birthday?* by Julie Fogliano

The titles on this list are suggestions, and other books may be substituted. Ask your librarian for recommendations.

### Websites to Build Reading Skills and Knowledge

- **Reading Rockets**
  [www.readingrockets.org/article/391](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/391)
  10 weeks of summer reading adventures for kids.

- **ReadWriteThink**
  [www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/](http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/)
  Parent & After-school resources; leveled by grade (K – 12).

- **Epic**
  [www.getepic.com/](http://www.getepic.com/)
  Over 35,000 digital texts

- **Discovery Kids**
  [https://online.kidsdiscover.com/](https://online.kidsdiscover.com/)
  Discover all the world has to offer.

- **Starfall**
  [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
  Great site to practice literacy skills.

- **Kids Reads**
  [www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)
  Find out about your favorite books, series, and authors.