



Summer vacation offers students opportunities to discover new books and the pleasure of reading. Summer reading enables children to maintain the literacy skills they learned during the school year. There are many ways that parents can help their children continue the reading habit when school is not in session. We have provided links for summer reading activities and for summer book lists. We hope you find them useful in making reading an enjoyable family pastime.

Happy Summer Reading!  
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#### Summer Reading Activities & Articles:

- **10 Weeks of Summer Reading Adventures for You and Your Kids**
  - <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/391/>
- **8 ways to keep your child's reading skills sharp this summer**
  - <http://www.greatschools.org/students/homework-help/67-summer-reading.gs>
- **Avoid the Summer Slide With These Fun Summer Reading Ideas**
  - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog-posts/meghan-everette/avoid-summer-slide-these-un-summer-reading-ideas/>
- **Summer Reading Camps/Reading Programs**
  - Check out your local libraries. They usually have summer activities in which students can participate
  - Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program- [www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570) this program allows students to earn a free book

#### Summer Reading Lists:

- <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer>
- <http://www.scholastic.com/readingcampaign/downloads/src-book-list-all-ages.pdf>
- <http://imaginationsoup.net/2016/05/04/awesome-nonfiction-books-for-kids-2016/>

**Online e-books/e-reading:**

- [myON - https://www.myon.com/login/index.html](https://www.myon.com/login/index.html) (current students of Harmony should use their Clever Account to sign in or their individual sign in information)
- <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
- <http://uniteforliteracy.com/>
- <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

**Parent Tips for Promoting Summer Reading for Elementary Students (K-5):**

- Sign your child up for the library's summer reading program (it's free!) and attend special events offered by the library.
- Set aside a family reading time of about 15-30 minutes each day.
- Listen to audio books (many are available through the library) while traveling or relaxing at home.
- Read aloud to your child from a high interest book that may be too difficult to read alone. Even children who can read independently enjoy and benefit from read aloud time.
- Play word games like Hangman or crosswords or board games like Scrabble Flash, Blurt, Apples-to-Apples Junior, and Bananagrams.
- Have fun with reading by enjoying the comics together or checking our riddle or joke books from the library. You can even try to come up with your own riddles or jokes to share.