

The Weekly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

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Summer Reading

I recently had the opportunity to attend a Jump Start training at the Piedmont Public Library. Jump Start is the SD State Library's training session for summer reading programs, and it was so fun to be in a room full of public librarians who work so hard for our students during the summer months!

Do you offer a summer reading program through your school library? Does your local public library offer a summer reading program? Do you collaborate with your public library on a summer reading program? Can students check out books from your school library over the summer months?

As the summer months approach, those are all questions to start thinking about! To learn more about summer programming, you can also check out the resources below from the [SDSL Catalog](#).



The Benefits of Summer Reading Programs

A recent study from NWEA of children in grades 3-5 showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading over the extended summer break.

Summer Reading Programs can effectively prevent this "Summer Slide" with your students by promoting reading and keeping their minds active!

Some other benefits and advantages of summer reading programs include:

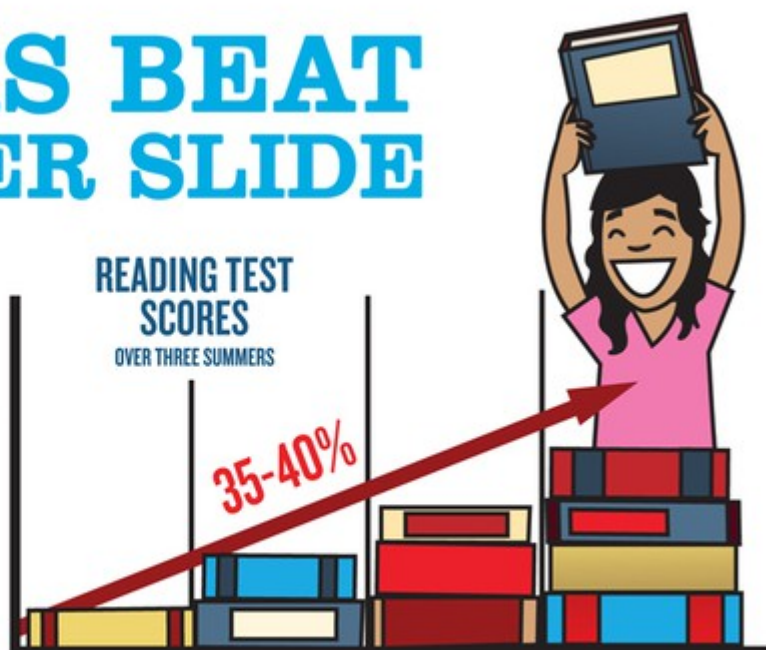
- Encouraging life-long reading habits
- Supporting reluctant readers
- Helping children maintain their reading skills
- Stimulating interest in the library and reading
- Motivating students to read for pleasure
- Improving overall reading skills

Read more at:

<https://www.ala.org/pla/resources/tools/youth-services/programming-summer-reading>

BOOKS BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books.



SOURCE: Allington, Richard L., Anne Moxley-Franzen, Gregory Camilli, Lunetta Williams, Jennifer Graff, Jacqueline Zieg, Courtney Zmach, and Rhonda Nowak. "Addressing Summer Reading Setback Among Economically Disadvantaged Elementary Students." *Reading Psychology* 31.5 (2010): 411-27. Web.

How School Libraries Can Support Summer Reading

Your school library doesn't have to offer a complete summer reading program in order to encourage summer reading. You can advocate for a strong reading culture and strengthen reading initiatives by:

1. Promoting summer reading (including any community programs) to your students.
2. Maximizing the use of your library collection (think summer checkouts and access to your ebook collection!).
3. Encouraging and modeling staff reading.
4. Creating a program that encourages logging/journaling number of books read (maybe with prizes as an incentive!).
5. Promoting summer reading to parents and other stakeholders.



SUPPORT SUMMER READING!



VISIT YOUR LOCAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY



READ ALOUD



ENROLL IN A SUMMER
READING PROGRAM



READ TOGETHER



*EXPLORE READING
DATABASES AT SDSL



KEEP READING
MATERIALS HANDY



FIND SOME FUN
READING LISTS



READ MAGAZINES,
NEWSPAPERS, ETC.



JOIN A
BOOK CLUB



KEEP A READING
LOG/JOURNAL



*VISIT LIBRARY.SD.GOV/LIB/ERD/COMPLETE.ASPX TO EXPLORE DATABASES LIKE
MISS HUMBLEBEE'S ACADEMY, BOOKFLIX, BOOKS AND AUTHORS, AND MORE!



Offer reading reminders to parents with these [tip sheets](#) from Reading Rockets available in 11 languages.



www.ReadingRockets.org

TIPS for parents of Kindergartners

Play with letters, words, and sounds! Having fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

■ Talk to your child.

Ask your child to talk about his day at school. Encourage him to explain something they did, or a game he played during recess.

■ Say silly tongue twisters.

Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in words.

■ Read it and experience it.

Connect what your child reads with what happens in life. If reading a book about animals,

■ Trace and say letters.

Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.

■ Write it down.

Have paper and pencils available for your child to use for writing. Working together, write a sentence or two about something special. Encourage your child to use the letters and sounds he or she is learning about in school.

■ Play sound games.

2 Summer Reading Bulletin Board Ideas



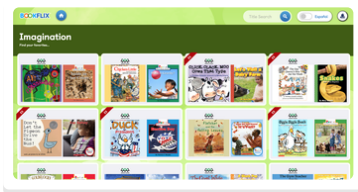
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3 Reading Resources from SDSL

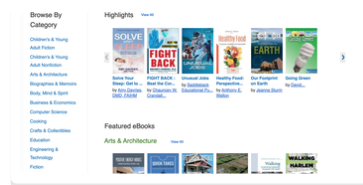
Encourage your students to stay engaged in reading over the summer months with eResources from the SD State Library.



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Miss Humblebee's



EBSCO eBooks



COLLECT
+
CONNECT

BECOME A MEMBER



The SD State Library's Collect + Connect Facebook Group is for SD School Librarians! Join to share your ideas and photos, ask your questions, reach out for advice, and discuss all of the awesomeness that happens in your library!



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