

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

Every summer, Scholastic hosts a summer reading challenge for school-age children. How can you participate in the this years Scholastic Summer Reading

Challenge? Beginning in May, students can log onto the site and record their reading minutes. Students are encouraged to log minutes through September. When the summer is over, Scholastic will publish the names of the twenty schools in the nation with the top reading minutes and the name of the top school in each state in the Scholastic 2017 Book of World Records. What an honor it would be if one of our schools was recognized in this book of world records!

The goal this summer is for students to read a full page of text every day and 20 million minutes collectively. Students can use either the paper log in this brochure or the online system to maintain a record of their reading minutes all summer long. With the help of every student in Pinellas County, we can reach or exceed our goal!

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Encourages Readers to Ready, Set, Read!

Spending a day at the public library can be an adventure! Armed with a library card, children can explore new places, meet new people, and make new discoveries. Visit your local library branch to check out any of the recommended titles on our website. Did you know you can download free e-books through the library's website? Students and families have a wealth of reading materials available to them throughout the summer months.

Each library location has activities planned all summer long for students of all ages. In addition to borrowing books, kids can participate in reading clubs, story hours, puppet shows, and other fun family activities. Many of these events are highlighted in the PCS summer calendars. For more information or to find a location near you, check out the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative website at www.ppic.us or <http://www.pinellascounty.org/library.htm>.



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Summer Reading Log

Date Book or Article Title Pages Read Minutes Read

Thank you to our community partners for making the Summer Reading Initiative possible:



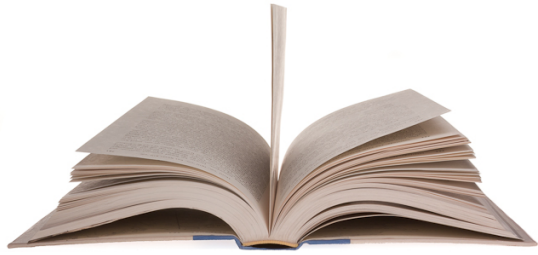
Help prevent the Summer Slide with myON! Join with us this summer to bring myON to Pinellas County Schools' "Get in the Game" Summer Reading Initiative. Research states that by reading

approximately 8-10 books over the summer, students will experience the same learning as they would have received in a structured summer school setting. With myON, each student will have access to the largest personalized library of digital books – over 5,000! myOn provides a personalized literacy environment that engages all students at all levels with the largest integrated library of digital books with reading supports, customized to students' individual interests and reading level.

Visit the PCS website:

There you will find more literacy suggestions, community literacy activities, summer recommended book lists, information about the summer book bus and the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge! Find us at www.pcsb.org/summerreading





Get in the Reading Game!

Reading opens up a world of new adventures and sparks the imagination. Summer reading also helps students maintain their reading skills for the next school year. It prevents what researchers call the “summer reading slide.” Experts agree that children who do not read can slide backward significantly during the summer months.

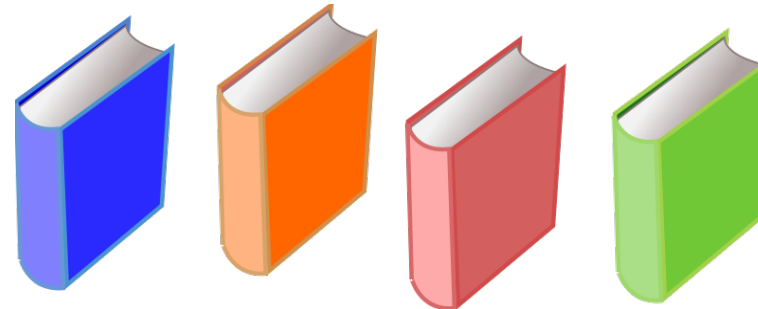
To prevent summer reading loss, children should engage in literacy activities all summer long. Children can read anything that interests them: books, magazines, e-books, comics, newspapers, recipes, even the closed captioning option on the television! You could also try these:

Reading ideas:

- Visit the bookstore
- Listen to books while driving
- Take turns reading
- Find fun places to read
- Swap books with a friend
- Go book shopping at a thrift store
- Read books, then watch the movie version and compare
- Start a book club with friends
- Have a “summer reading” night
- Read to younger brothers or sisters
- Go to the public library
- Try starting a book talk

Links to other summer reading resources:

- Scholastic News
- Oprah’s Book Club for Children
- Highlights for Kids
- Funbrain.com
- Time for Kids
- Mrs.P’s.com
- The Reading Planet
- PBS for Kids
- Starfall.com
- Storylineonline
- Jumpstart.com
- Reading Rockets
- Read Write Think



Check in with Other Readers

Book Talks

Reading should be a fun experience for the whole family. Try reading with your young child and using questions to spark conversation. Parents of older children may want to read the same book as their child and have a book club-type conversation using questions appropriate for older readers.

Elementary

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What do you think will happen next? What can you tell me about the story so far?
- How do you feel about the choices the character made?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?
- Can you retell the story in order?

Secondary

- Which character did you like and why?
- Do you believe the character made good decisions? What would you have done if you were in that situation? Can you explain why they made that decision?
- What might the characters tweet or post on Facebook?
- Did you like the ending? If you could change the ending, what would it be?



Reading with the Rays addresses the problem of children’s reading skills dropping off in the summer. It encourages school children to do 24 hours of reading over the summer. They can choose books from a participating library or commit to reading one section of the newspaper for the summer. Students track their hours on a scorecard they obtain at the library. The more they read, the farther they go around the card’s bases. Rewards range from a game poster to a completion certificate and two tickets to a Rays home game. Find out more at <http://tampabay.rays.mlb.com/tb/community/reading.jsp>



Barnes & Noble Summer Reading

Kids Earn Free Books. Here is how:

1. Read any eight books and record them in the Barnes and Noble Reading Journal, which can be found online or in stores.
2. Bring the completed Reading Journal to your local Barnes and Noble store.
3. Choose a FREE BOOK from the selection on the Barnes and Noble Reading Journal list or at the store.

