

Summer Reading

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Read
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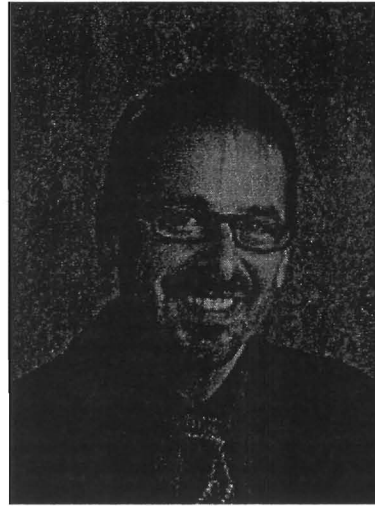


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A strong body of research shows that without practice students lose reading skills over the summer months.

1. Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading-comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer (Kim, 2004).
2. Teachers typically spend between four to six weeks re-teaching material students have forgotten over the summer (Alexander, 2007).
3. It is estimated that the “summer slide” accounts for as much as 85% of the reading achievement gap between lower-income students and their middle- and upper-income peers (Allington, 2009).
4. During the school year, lower-income children’s skills improve at close to the same rate as their more advantaged peers—but over the summer, middle- and upper-income children’s skills continue to improve, while lower income children’s skills do not (Krashen, 1993).
5. Third graders who can’t read on grade level are four times less likely to graduate by age 18 than a proficient reader (Hernandez, 2011).
6. Studies show that making sure there are always interesting books at home can increase the likelihood of a child being a frequent reader, especially among ages 9-11 and 15-17 (Yankelovich, 2010).
7. Researchers have found that children who grow up in homes with many books gain higher academic achievement than children from bookless homes, independent of their parents’ education, occupation, and class (Evans, 2010).

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Experts agree that children who read during the summer months keep their reading skills sharp and are better prepared for the challenges of the next grade level. With this in mind, the Duluth Public School district is happy to provide you with the enclosed books and activity sheets designed to motivate students to read this summer.

This book pack will also provide you with an opportunity to spend quality time with your child while you help to build their comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills. The tips for families listed on the reverse side of this letter provide strategies and suggestions to help you make the most of summer reading opportunities. There are lots of fun ways to extend the learning and incorporate reading into vacation time!

In addition to the books and activity sheets, be sure to check out the Scholastic Summer Challenge website at www.scholastic.com/summer for free summer reading resources, including games, message boards, book logs, a book trivia Web cast, and information about reading for the world record.

I hope that by exposing children to exciting books written by popular authors, featuring a wide range of engaging characters, we can encourage all, Duluth Public School District students to become lifelong readers and learners.

Sincerely,

William Gronseth
Superintendent of Schools

Summer Reading Tips for Families

1. Lead by example.

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctor's office, and stuff a paperback in your beach bag. If kids see the adults around them reading often, they will understand that literature can be a fun and important part of their summer days.

2. Talk it up.

Talking with your kids about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you - soon they might start doing the same.

3. Help kids find time to read.

Summer camp, music lessons, baseball games, and videos are all fun things kids like to do during the summer. However, by the end of the day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. When planning summer activities with children, remember to leave some time in their schedules for reading. Some convenient times may be before bedtime or over breakfast.

4. Relax the rules for summer.

During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please. Don't set daily minute requirements or determine the number of pages they should read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own. You may even want to make bedtime a little bit later if you find that your child can't put down a book.

5. Have plenty of reading material around.

Books aren't the only things that kids can read for fun. Be sure to have newspapers, magazines, and informational material on hand that might spark the interest of a young reader.

6. Use books to break the boredom.

Without the regular school regimen, adults and kids need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach kids how to make or do something are a great way to get kids reading and keep them occupied. Don't forget to take your kids' favorite books along on long road trips.

7. Read aloud with kids.

Take your children to see a local storyteller or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children no matter what their age. Don't forget to improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting!

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Summer Reading: June 11 - July 27

Dream big at the library this summer!

Visit the library beginning **June 11** and pick up a Summer Reader packet. Keep track of your reading time during the summer - we'll give you an easy way to do it! There are prizes for every 5 hours of reading. When you reach 25 hours, you'll get to choose a paperback book to keep! The Summer Reading program ends **July 27**. Packets are available while supplies last.

Kaleidoscope

Free entertainment programs for children are held outdoors on the Main Library's Plaza, rain or shine. Programs will be on **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** and repeated at **1:30 p.m.**; each program lasts about 45 minutes. An adult should accompany children under eight. Sign language interpretation will be provided for the afternoon performances. Promotional photos will be taken at the programs. Please talk to program staff if you do not wish your child to be photographed.

July 10 Back by popular demand! **The Okee Dokee Brothers**, Joe and Justin, are childhood best friends who now create original, award-winning music inspired by their own backyard adventures. In every song there's room for kids to dance and parents to feel like kids again.

July 17 Touring the planet for over two decades, **Kenny Ahern** provides hilarious physical comedy and audience fun. This former Ringling Brothers Circus clown - and Kaleidoscope favorite - provides a show that both adults and kids will love.

July 24 **Star Michaelina's** eye-popping magic, exhilarating energy and wacky physical comedy combine into this high-energy one-woman show with lots of audience participation.

July 31 During Glen Everhart's **Heebie Jeebies Family Comedy Music Show**, kids will laugh, move and dance their way through original kids' comedy songs. How about *I've Got The Heebie Jeebies* or *Camp Ishy-fishy-stinky-socky-skeeter-slappy-toad-a-hoppy-burpa-lotta-woods-a-tickle-ee?*



The parking lot next to the Depot is closed for construction this summer. The library suggests you allow more time for parking when planning your visits.

There's more fun on the back!



Main Library
520 W. Superior St.
Youth Services - 730-4200/option 4



Mt. Royal Branch Library
105 Mt. Royal Shopping Circle
730-4290

West Duluth Branch Library
5830 Grand Avenue
730-4280

Drop-in FUN for Kids

Minnesota Reading Corps volunteers will be leading activities, songs and stories for kids in the Main Library's Green Room. Stop in any time during the programs to join the fun! Children under age 8 should be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, June 20 - Bubbleology 2 - 4 p.m.

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere! Learn how to make and blow bubbles. Who can make the biggest bubble? Test your skills outside on the Library Plaza.

Friday, June 22 - Let's Go Fly a Kite 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Learn about flight and flying! Design and build your own kite to bring home and test. How high will it soar?

Monday, June 25 - Dino Dig 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Roar like a dinosaur! Join us for stories, songs and fossil making.

Monday, June 25 - Earthworm Extravaganza 2 - 4 p.m.

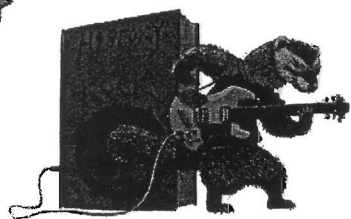
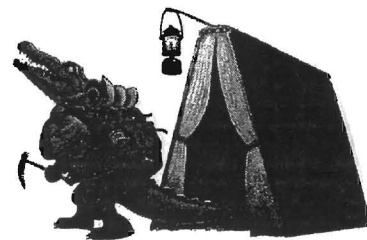
Wiggle and giggle as we hear nightcrawler tales, create worm art, and learn how to make your own worm terrarium!

Tuesday, June 26 - All Out Games 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. OR 2 - 4 p.m.

Come and play some of the great games the library has to offer. Learn how to make your own game to take home for your own family game night!

Wednesday, June 27 - Puppet Party 2 - 4 p.m.

Create your own puppet to present in a fairy-tale puppet show.



Look for our
SUMMER
movie schedule!



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Things to Do at the Duluth Public Library

1. GET A LIBRARY CARD! (see information on the back of this sheet)



2. Check out a book and take it home

3. Play Connect Four or another board game

4. Draw pictures

5. Put a puzzle together

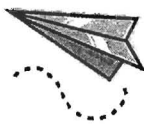
6. Look at special displays of books

7. Tell a joke to the librarian

8. Ask about free passes to museums

9. Find a book about making paper airplanes

10. Find a recipe for making cookies



11. Learn to use the library catalog

12. Look at a magazine

13. Finish your homework

14. Play a game on a computer

15. Pick up a free bookmark

16. Ask for help to find a good book

17. Explore the whole library

18. Play with other kids in the play area

19. Use an Internet computer

20. Get a cold drink of water

21. See what you can find in the dollhouse



22. Check out a movie to watch at home



23. Put on a puppet show in the play area

24. Look out the windows at the harbor

25. Learn how to take care of your pet

26. Read to a doll, a bear or a younger brother or sister

27. Learn to use the eHomework computer

28. Meet new friends

29. Find the dinosaur books (hint: look under the dinosaur kite!)



30. Read a graphic novel

31. Find the first letter of your name on the front of the Youth Services desk

32. Look at the NEW books



33. Start to read a new series

34. Find Duluth on the globe or a map

35. Color in a coloring book (ask for crayons at the desk)

36. Look at cool stuff hanging from the ceiling

37. Look at the posters

38. Listen to a story on the TumbleBooks computer

39. Find the I Spy books

40. READ TOGETHER!

How to Apply for a Library Card

Apply in person at any of the Duluth Public Library locations:

Main Library
520 West Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55802
Ph: 218-730-4200/option 3

Mt. Royal Branch Library
105 Mt. Royal Shopping Circle
Duluth, MN 55803
Ph: 218-730-4290

West Duluth Branch Library
5830 Grand Avenue
Duluth, MN 55807
Ph: 218-730-4280

A parent or guardian with a picture ID and proof of address must be with applicants under age 14. For a child age 5 or under, the parent or guardian must have a valid library card; the parent or guardian may apply for that library card at the same time as the child.

Applicants aged 14 and older must bring a picture ID and proof of address, or be with a parent or guardian with a picture ID and proof of address.

Call 218-730-4200/option 1 for library hours.

Fill in the application form below and bring it to the library on your next visit. Additional forms are available at each location.

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Birthday (month, day, year):		Driver's License Number (or ID):		Email:	
How would you like to be contacted for reserves, overdues & reminders? <input type="checkbox"/> Phone OR <input type="checkbox"/> Email					
Password (4-16 characters): A password, used with your library card number, allows you to access your library account information online and/or at library computers.		Do you want to maintain a permanent reading history? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No A permanent reading history is a list of the items you have checked out for the previous 3 years or up to 500 items. It is accessed with your library card and password online and/or at library computers.			
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