Summer programs include two types. Academically oriented programs offer formal reading instruction from a teacher or tutor. Whereas, recreational reading programs encourage students to read on their own or with a caregiver during the break. Examples of each type are provided below—all are free, and many provide transportation and meals. However, there are too many options for us to list. If a program in your community is not mentioned here, please send the information into us via our email.

**Academically Oriented:** Geared Toward Increasing Academic Performance

- East TN: Freedom Schools (rising K-12 grades)
- Hamilton Co: Summer Reach (K-8 grades)
- Knox Co: Summer Learning (1-12 grades)
- Metro Nashville: Promising Scholars (rising K-12 grades)
- Shelby Co: Summer Learning Academy (1-12 grades)
- TN Tech: Elinor Ross Freedom School (1-5 grades)
- Washington Co: Summer Academy (2-7 grades)
- Obion County: Scholar Guides with reading recommendations and curriculum topics.

**Recreational Reading**

- Governor’s Early Literacy Foundation’s K-3 Home Library
- Tennessee Library Summer Programs
- Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
- Overdrive Library App to check out ebooks/audiobooks
- Halfpricebooks.com Summer Reading Camp
- BookIt! Caregivers track summer reading, and kids earn a free pizza by meeting goals. Activities and book recommendations weekly!
- Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program
- AudiobookSYNC: April 27-August 2, 2023 – Young Adults receive two free audiobooks through the SORA app
SUMMER READING TIPS

Inspire Your Student to Read this Summer

• MAKE IT A HABIT: Read for at least 20 minutes a day.
• CREATE A READING PLACE: Make a comfortable and inviting spot inside or outside your home that will encourage reading.
• LEAD BY EXAMPLE: Carve out time for your own reading to inspire your child.
• TAKE A FIELD TRIP: Head to the library to check out books as a summer outing.
• ASK QUESTIONS: Talk to your child about the book they are reading and what they like about it.
• MOTIVATE: Consider using a chart, or app, to track reading progress. (Goodreads is free on iPhone and Android.)
• LET THEM PICK: Being able to choose what to read is a big motivator for all ages. Let your child lead.
• SURROUND YOURSELF: Carry books, magazines, and eReaders in your car and leave them in out in your home. Simply seeing these items can encourage reading!

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