

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS



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!