

SUMMER READING TIPS

- **CREATE A HABIT:** Read for at least 20 minutes a day.
- **SET A READING PLACE:** Make a comfortable and inviting spot inside or outside your home that will encourage reading.



- **INSPIRE BY EXAMPLE:** Carve out time for your own reading to inspire your child.

- **TAKE A FIELD TRIP:** Head to the library or local bookstore to choose 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 CHOOSE:** 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 out in your home. Simply seeing these items can encourage reading!



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SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

There are two types of summer reading programs. Academically oriented programs offer formal reading instruction from a teacher or tutor. Recreational reading programs, on the other hand, encourage students to read on their own or with a caregiver during the break. Examples of each type are provided below. Most 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 email us at trrcinfo@utk.edu for it to be added to our list!

ACADEMICALLY ORIENTED: GEARED TOWARD INCREASING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Nationwide School District Summer Literacy Instruction: Many school districts across the nation support students in literacy during the summer months. These academically-oriented programs are often held in existing schools or nearby community locations. Some also offer enrichment activities. Reach out to your local district to find out what is available, at no or low cost, to your student.

SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Boys and Girls Clubs of America: Located across the United States, the Boys & Girls Clubs offers a variety of academic success programs for all ages in literacy. Search for a club near you to register today.
- Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools: Located in many states across the country, the program fosters lifelong learning, high-quality academic achievement, and a literacy focus. Search for a program today.

RECREATIONAL READING: INCREASING THE LOVE FOR READING

- Governor's Early Literacy Foundation's K-3 Home Library
- Collaborative Summer Library Programs
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Overdrive Library App to check out ebooks/audiobooks
- Halfpricebooks.com Summer Reading Camp
- BookIt! Caregivers of PreK-6th graders can track summer reading, and kids can earn a free Pizza Hut personal pan pizza by meeting goals. Activities and book recommendations weekly!
- Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program

