



Dear Parents,

We applaud all you have done for your children and students to keep them learning through unprecedented closing of schools. As we enter the summer months there is no doubt we are all continuing to adjust to this new reality together. Now more than ever it is critically important to keep kids engaged in summer reading to ensure their academic success in the fall.

**Why summer reading?** Research shows that over the summer months children will lose some of their reading skills if they do not read during this time. Below you will find links to suggested books by grade level and some fun programs to motivate your child to read!

## Free Summer Reading Programs for Kids

Plan for a summer reading program (or two) because it helps motivate kids with reading incentives as well as provides accountability. Here are some options:

### Your Public Library [Cliffside Park Public Library – A Proud Member of BCCLS](#)

As a result of the Covid-19 situation, the physical operating status of the Public Library is dependent on the Governor's Executive Order. However, the Cliffside Park Public Library has gone virtual in the meantime! The library is offering many online programs, book suggestions and e-materials. Visit the library's webpage to sign-up for a library card and e-newsletter and make sure to follow the library's facebook and instagram pages. It will be a summer filled with fun and activities

### Scholastic

#### [click here Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Challenge](#)

Read-a-Palooza kicks off Scholastic's free 18-week program. Log on to the website to record your minutes and do activities.

### Barnes & Noble

#### [click here Summer Reading Lists](#)

Download and print a Reading Journal. Read eight books and record them in the journal. Once it's complete, take your journal to your local Barnes and Noble and get a free book. It couldn't be easier. You can also find a printable parent's guide with tips and fun literacy activities.



#### [click here BOOK IT! for Parents | The Pizza Hut BOOK IT! Program](#)

Parents, Pizza Hut for their first ever Camp BOOK IT! and keep rewarding your kids all summer long. Track and reward your kids' reading for June, July and August in our digital dashboard. When they meet their monthly reading goal, they'll receive a free Personal Pan Pizza from Pizza Hut! We'll also be sharing fun activities and book recommendations each week to keep the fun going throughout the summer

During the school year, your children shared the enjoyment of reading and wonderful adventures through books. Please consider sharing that experience with your child this summer. This can be accomplished whether you read to your child, or if your child is an independent reader, by discussing what has been read. By reading this summer, your child will continue to travel to fantasy lands, solve mysteries, or have a good laugh through the pages of a book.

**Have a Wonderful Summer!**