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Help Your Child Avoid the '*Summer Slide*' in Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What is the '*summer slide*'? The summer slide is what happens when students don't read over the summer. Often these students begin the school year reading at a lower level than they achieved the year before. Your child has worked hard to make great reading progress this year and we want to share some ways to avoid the summer slide.

1. Visit the Wilmington Public Library at wilmlibrary.org: take advantage of the motivating reading activities the librarians in the children's room have set up for your readers.
2. Choose a book: here are some suggested summer reading lists to help you choose a great book for your child. Here is the printed URL:
<https://sites.google.com/a/wpsk12.com/libraries/summer-reading-for-middle-school>
3. Go online: There are many websites that encourage reading. Here are just a few: www.dogobooks.com, www.wonderopolis.org, www.getepic.com. Here is another nice list of reading websites to help you choose a great book for your child. Here is the printed URL:
<https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2018/02/19-educational-websites-to-enhance.html>
4. Complete the reading log: fill out the attached log, return it to your school librarian at the beginning of school and receive a prize.

We hope these suggestions will help you take an active role in your child's summer reading.

Have a fun and safe summer,

Your Librarians &
Your Reading Specialists



Wilmington Public Schools

Summer Reading Log

Below, please make a list of the books that you have read during the summer. Have a parent sign for each book that you read. Bring this page back to your school librarian in the fall to receive a prize. Happy reading!!!!

Your Name_____

Teacher's Name (for 2023-2024)_____

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Additional Summer Reading Incentive Programs

Public Libraries All the Massachusetts public libraries have an amazing variety of summer reading programs! Check out this website for more information:

readsinma.org

Barnes and Noble Read any 8 books by August 31, 2023, complete the B&N Summer Reading Journal and redeem for a free book. Click on the *2023 Summer Reading Journal* for more information.

<https://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our-stores-communities/summer-reading-program>

Woburn Showcase Cinema has Bookworm Wednesdays where your reading makes you eligible to watch free movies!

<https://www.showcasecinemas.com/programs/bookworm-wednesdays>

The Boston Bruins support summer reading.

<http://summerlibraryprograms.com/boston-bruins.htm>

Read With Malcolm Malcolm Mitchell, a former Patriots football player, has created a free virtual training camp for summer reading.

<https://www.readwithmalcolm.com/readcamp/>

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