



Why are summer reading programs at our libraries important?

Summer is a time when children and teens are out of school and may have more free time. Often, their days are busy with sports and other activities. But does anything beat lying in a

hammock on a warm summer day, reading a great book about...anything you want to read about????!! Adventure, history, sports, cooking, crafts, biographies of famous people, our amazing animal world, fables and fairy tales, poetry, mysteries- they are all here at our library!!

Fact: 8 out of 10 studies indicate students who read recreationally out-performed those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests.

Reading 1,000 minutes each summer goes a long way in preparing for the next school year. Instead of playing "catch up" when school starts, those who read in the summer are off and running! (or should we say, off and reading!)

The theme for summer reading this summer is **BOOKS BUILD BRIDGES**. Once again participants have the goal of reading 1,000 minutes, with prizes and free books.

Kickoff for summer reading will be happening on Saturday, June 8, 10-12, with ART in the PARK, the annual event we share with Simply Hand Made. This event will be held in the grassy area beside Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church. Come and enjoy making all kinds of arts and crafts for the whole family. Reading bags and summer reading info will be available at ART in the PARK and at the library any time after June 8.

NEW THIS SUMMER!! Art Activity days for ALL AGES at the Fredericksburg Park.
Wednesdays, June 12-July 17.