

How to avoid summer slide in a COVID-19 world

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FULL TEXT

Every summer, public libraries create programs to motivate and support literacy in our communities. Our goal is to combat "summer slide." Summer slide is the loss of some of the achievement gains made by students during the previous school year. This mission is especially critical now, with so many school districts cutting the school year short and limiting summer school due to the pandemic.

In these unprecedented times, area libraries have made changes to our summer reading programs. We are taking our reading incentive programs virtual with the help of the app, Beanstack. Readers can participate completely online by tracking their reading, completing fun activities, and earning virtual badges and tickets that can be used toward real-life prizes.

Registration is open now and will continue throughout the program. To register, please visit Beanstack online or download the Beanstack mobile app today! As always, the Summer Reading Program is free and open to all as no library card is needed to participate.

Libraries are hoping that this new virtual program will encourage children and adults –readers of any age –to pick up a book this summer.

Access to reading materials has been shown to be the most important factor for increasing the reading development of children. In fact, time spent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement. It's simple: the more students read, the better readers they become.

What can parents and caregivers do to curb summer reading loss? The good news is that it only takes 2-3 hours of reading a week during summer vacation to prevent summer learning loss.

Support your children's reading development over the summer months by tapping into their own reading interests. Look for reading materials that relate to interests that the child enjoys, such as baseball, animals or art. And it's not just books; consider audiobooks, eBooks and children's magazines.

All these are available for free at your local public library. The Fox Cities libraries provide great resources to help minimize that slippery summer slide. You are still able to check out materials, although things may look a little different than you're used to. And library staff are always available to help children select appropriate reading materials for their interests and reading levels.

Avoid the summer slide. Ask at your local library for information on their Summer Reading Program and sign-up today.

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