



# KEEP your child READING!



## 7 Tips to make summer reading fun!

### **Tip #1: Create opportunities and times that your child will want to read.**

Have your child read at least 20 minutes everyday. But, don't make this an obligation, chore, or "must do." Go to the library and sign up for the free incentive programs. Visit a cool bookstore and give your child \$10 cash upon arrival. Create a reading nook or fort in your child's bedroom.

### **Tip #2: Read along side your child. Model reading.**

Talk enthusiastically about books you're reading. Research shows that one of the greatest indicators of children's literacy success is having role models and guardians who show they value reading. This is especially true for dads!

### **Tip #3: It's not all about books!**

Have your child read and write recipes, scavenger hunts, treasure maps, "how-to" articles, travel brochures, song lyrics, game directions... the list goes on and on. Create a literate environment! Place interesting reading material everywhere and kill the mandatory 20-minute timer! Find amazingly interesting things that kids will just be drawn into reading without even realizing they are reading.

### **Tip #4: Make literacy social.**

Have your child join a book club, organize a neighborhood book swap, perform a skit with friends, or host a poetry slam. It can be virtual or bring these opportunities to life in a coffee shop, park, or even at the pool.

### **Tip #5: CHOICE builds motivation.**

Let your child have as much choice as possible about what they read. Obviously, age and maturity appropriate, but research points to building literacy motivation through interest and choice. If your child has required summer reading, build excitement around it and supplement with trips to the library and bookstore where some high-interest, choice material is available.

### **Tip #6: In a perfect world, every day, every child...**

- Reads something they choose.
- Reads something accurately.
- Reads something they understand.
- Writes about something that is meaningful to them.
- Talks to peers about their reading and writing.
- Listens to a fluent adult read aloud.

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### **Tip #7: Literacy Online.**

We know that right now we are all trying to limit screen time so this should *not* replace tangible books, but it can add some variety on long summer days. Check out our favorites in the included list.



## Fun Summer Reading Incentive Programs

-  **Barnes and Noble**  
<https://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our-stores-communities/summer-reading-program/>  
Read 8 books and record on their log and get a Free Book!!
-  **Pizza Hut's Camp Book It!**  
<https://www.bookitprogram.com/book-it-for-parents>  
When you meet your monthly reading goal, you'll receive a free one-topping Personal Pan Pizza® from Pizza Hut! We'll also share fun activities and book recommendations each week to keep the fun going throughout the summer!
-  **Scholastic Summer Reading Program**  
<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>  
From Monday, April 26 to Friday, September 3 kids can participate in the [Scholastic Summer Reading Program](#) where they will be encouraged to read, [celebrate their achievements](#) and help increase access to books for their peers.
-  **Book Adventure**  
<https://bookadventure.com/>  
Book Adventure is an interactive reading assessment, management, and rewards program.
-  **Check your local library!**  
Most libraries have a summer incentive program. Check your local library to sign up!
-  **Chuck E. Cheese**  
With the Chuck E. Cheese kids' summer reading program, kids earn 10 FREE points each time they read for two weeks in a row. Complete the form to claim the free tokens. A food purchase is required. Search your local Chuck E. Cheese to see if they are participating.
-  **Professional Sports Teams**  
Check with your state's professional sports teams! Many offer summer reading programs for young sports fans! Read with the Bronco Bookworms, the Portland Trailblazers, and the Washington Nationals.



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Literacy Games and Fun Online



PBS Kids

<http://pbskids.org/>



ABCya

<http://www.abcya.com/lightbot.htm>



Enchanted Learning

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/states/colorado/>



Word Wall

<https://wordwall.net/community>



Epic!

<https://www.getepic.com/>



Madlibs

<http://www.funbrain.com/>



Newsela

<https://newsela.com/>



Audiofile- Free audio books for teens

<https://www.audiofilemagazine.com/sync/>



# The Ultimate

# Summer Reading Challenge



Directions: Each time you complete one of the reading challenges, color in the book. See how many challenges you can complete by the end of the summer!



at the park



with a friend



on a beanbag



on a swing



up in a tree



in a treehouse



with a flashlight under  
a blanket



under a tree



in a homemade tent



with a sibling



by the pool or lake



with a parent



in your bed



with a grandparent



on the front porch



to a friend



on the back deck



on the stairs



in the car



to a pet



on a playset



at the library



in your closet



while waiting in line



in the bathtub or hot tub



while eating ice-cream



on a picnic



while eating breakfast



on the couch



free choice:



# The Ultimate Genre Reading Challenge



Directions: Each time you read a book, write the title in the genre box. See if you can complete every genre by the end of the summer. Which one was your favorite?

## Genre Tracker- Book Title

 Fantasy	
 Mystery	
 Science Fiction	
 Biography	
 Humor	
 Fairy Tale	
 Adventure	
 Poetry	
 Non-fiction	