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Dear Educator,

Summer Reading is almost here! The Metropolitan Library System is hosting our annual program in June and July. This is a free program to help encourage our community members to read and engage with their public library during the summer months. There is no cost to participate, and all participants can win prizes for reaching their reading goals.

We hope you will partner with the library as we work to encourage students and adults to be lifelong readers. Here's how you can help:

- Use this promotional toolkit to send students home with a digital or printer flyer for Summer Reading
- Use this promotional toolkit to find crafted language and images for creating social media posts promoting Summer Reading on behalf of your organization or yourself
- Provide incentives for your students to sign up for Summer Reading
- Sign students up and send their log-in information home with the included letter
- Create a faculty book club and log your reading minutes together
- Create a faculty goal of how many minutes you will work to contribute to our Community Goal enabling us to donate books to the Latino Community Development Agency

In addition to this promotional toolkit, there are supplemental resources available at www.metrolibrary.org/summerschool, including online training just for teachers with a chance to win prizes for your classroom.

If you have questions about these resources or the contents of this toolkit, please reach out to engagement@metrolibrary.org or call 405-606-3834.

Happy Summer!
-Your friends at the Metropolitan Library System

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Sample Social Media Language

GENERIC TWEET OR CAPTION:
Read for fun all summer long and receive free stuff! Sign up for @MetroLibraryOK's Summer Reading program. Visit metrolibrary.org/summerreading for all the details!

READ-IT-FORWARD TWEET or CAPTION:
Read for fun all summer long to help @MetroLibraryOK hit their community reading goal. If they hit the goal, books will be donated to @latinoagency. Visit metrolibrary.org/summerreading for all the details.

PARENT-ORIENTED TWEET OR CAPTION:
Your child can earn free books and practice their reading this summer by enrolling in @MetroLibraryOK's Summer Reading program. Visit metrolibrary.org/summerreading for all the details!

STUDENT-ORIENTED TWEET OR CAPTION:
Earn free books this summer by enrolling in @MetroLibraryOK's Summer Reading program! 5 minutes of reading = 5 points. At 600 points you get 2 free books and a chance to win a drawing prize.

HASHTAGS:
#ireadbecause
#metrolibraryok

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Social Media Graphics

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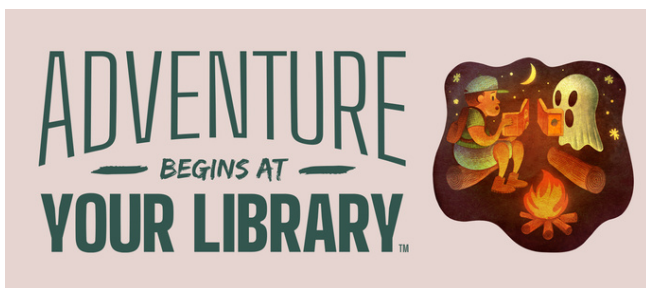
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Printables

Posters

8.5 x 11 RACK CARD - English

8.5 x 11 RACK CARD - Spanish

11x17 Poster - English

11x17 Poster - Spanish

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Printables

Posters
Student Flyer - English + Spanish (Click here to download)

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Printables

Activity Guides (Click here to download)

EARLY CHILDHOOD (birth-age 5)

CHILDREN (6-12 years old)

TEEN (13-18 years old)

Activity Guides Spanish

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Instructions
Instructions for signing up for a Beanstack account
(Click **here** to download)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING UP STUDENTS

Hello Educator!

Thank you so much for helping us spread the message of the Metropolitan Library System Summer Reading program. Below are the steps for setting up an account on our Beanstack software:

1. Visit: metrolibrary.org/schoolsignup
2. Click the **I am registering myself** button.
3. Use the following information to fill out the information for the student on the registration form:
   a. **First Name** & **Last Name**
   b. **Username** — please use the following naming convention: firstname.lastname (e.g., Jon Smith would be jon.smith)
   c. **Password** and **Confirm Password** — use the student ID number for the password
   d. **Do you have a library card?**
      i. If you are a ONECard school (OKCPS), select **Yes, I already have one.** In the **Library Card** number field, enter the student's Student ID number. Their Student ID is the card information they would use to get access to books at Metro Library. It is important for your school district statistics to have data in the **Library Card number** field.
      ii. If you are not a ONECard school, select **Not right now. I may get one later or don't have it handy.**
      e. **Which is your primary branch?** — Select the library closest to your school
      f. **What year you were born?** — Add the student's birth year
      g. **What grade level are you in?** Add the grade the student is currently enrolled. *Do not add the grade they will be in this fall.*
      h. **What school do you attend?** — Select your school
      i. Uncheck the **Yes, send me recommendations** via email checkbox.
4. Once you've finished adding the student's information, double-check to ensure every required field has content. Hit the **Next** button.
5. Record the student's **Username** & **Password** on the provided template.
6. Send a copy of the letter with the username and password home with the student for the parent/caregiver.

Parent / Caregiver Letter
(Click **here** to download)

SUMMER READING @ METROLIBRARY

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Summer is almost here and that signals the arrival of the one thing kids everywhere look forward to – summer vacation. It's the time when children and young adults have fun just being a kid and can't wait for summer camp, pool time, family time or vacation. But one thing you may not be aware of during the summer is the "Summer Slide."

On average, children lose approximately two months of their reading achievement if they do not read during the summer. They typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer than they did on the same test at the beginning of the summer. And these few months of reading loss accumulate over the years. By the time kids reach middle school, those who haven't read during the summers may have lost as much as two years' worth of achievement. The good news is the Summer Slide can easily be prevented.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE?

Reading for just 20 minutes a day, helps kids maintain the reading skills they developed during the school year. Not only will it help them stay on track when school starts back, but with reading they can experience a summer of adventure by stimulating their imaginations.

Signing up for the Summer Reading Program through the Metropolitan Library System is one of the best ways for your child to keep reading over the summer. Summer Reading starts June 1 and continues through July 31.

To help reduce the effects of the Summer Slide, I have signed your child up for the Metropolitan Library System Summer Reading Program and created a username and password for you to log your child's reading this summer. Below is the information for your child's account:

Visit Website: metrolibrary.org/summerreading
Click on **Log Minutes & Activities**

Username: _____

Password: _____

To learn more about the Metropolitan Library System's Summer Reading Program please visit: metrolibrary.org/summerreading.

Sincerely,