Summer Reading Challenge for Kids – 2018 Edition

☐ How many books do you think you can read this summer? Set a goal and make a poster to track your progress! Invite a friend or family member to join you in creating a reading goal.

☐ Going on a trip? Find a book set in that location to read while you travel there!

☐ Curl up with a book in different spots inside and outside your home and rate each reading spot on a scale of one to five. At the end of the summer, review your ratings and decide which spot was your favorite place to read.

☐ Read or reread a book with a character you love. Now, think about what that character might do over the summer. Write down or draw a picture of what you’ve imagined.

☐ Read a book that takes place in nature, then go to your backyard or a park and study bugs up close, observe trees and flowers, and enjoy the wonders of the world!

☐ Ask a Librarian: If you don’t have a library card, ask your librarian how you can get one. Also ask about any library perks you might not know about, such as access to CDs, learning games, fun classes, and more.

☐ Build a fort — indoors with cardboard blocks or boxes, or outdoors with branches or a tent — then read a book inside it.

☐ Read a book about a sports hero, then challenge yourself physically by setting up an obstacle course! Use whatever you have available to create a series of exercises — weave through cones or chairs, jump rope, crawl through a tunnel, shoot balls into a hoop or basket — and take turns going through the course with your family or friends.
☐ Read a graphic novel or comic book, then use **sidewalk chalk** to write or draw your own story on pavement.

☐ Ask a Librarian: Visit your local library and ask, “What is your absolute favorite summer read?” Then check out the book they recommend!

☐ Learn about the planets and stars by reading a book, then look for constellations in the summer night sky.

☐ Read a book about kids growing up in a time before TVs, tablets, and smartphones. Brainstorm some of the ways they had screen-free fun with their families. Next time you think, “I’m bored!” give one of those ideas a try!

☐ Read a book that is written like a diary. Create a diary of your own by writing down some memories from your summer in a journal or old notebook.

☐ Dig into a book about how plants grow, then try planting a seed and **tending to it**.

☐ Next time you’re somewhere where other kids are reading too — on the beach, at the pool, on a plane, bus, or train — look at the covers of their books. Do any look interesting? Add them to your to-read list!

☐ Read a book with a camp setting. Draw or write about the kind of camp you would like to go to (in the real world or a fantasy world).

☐ Field trip! Visit a public library in another town — or a section of your local library you’ve never explored — and read a book while you are there.

☐ Read a cookbook where the author introduces each recipe with a story. Choose a recipe that sounds tasty and ask if it’s something you can make together at home.

☐ Read a book by **flashlight**, then have fun making shadow puppets.

☐ Ask a grown-up to help you do an Internet search to see if your favorite author has a website with an address for fan mail. Write the author an email or letter about why you enjoy their stories.