

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.

