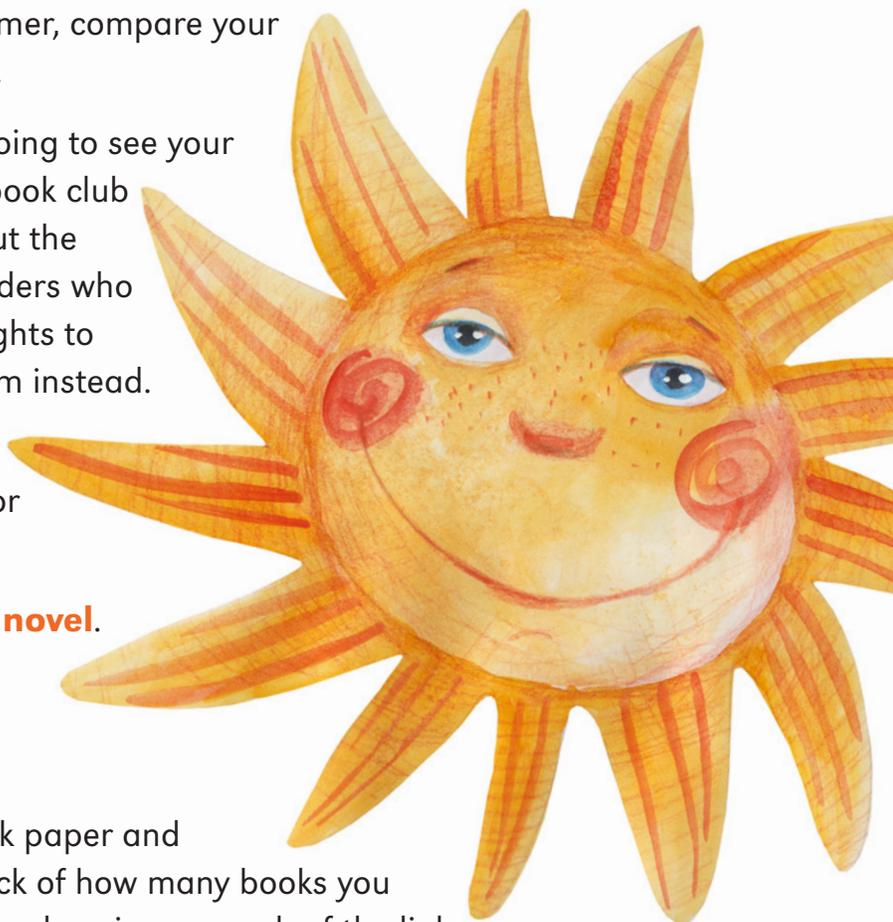


# Summer Reading Challenge for Kids 2019 Edition

- See how many silly places you can read this summer: on a trampoline, under a table, in the bathtub, in a closet with a flashlight. Have a friend or family member keep track, too. At the end of the summer, compare your lists and pick your favorite spots.
- Start a pen pal book club. Not going to see your BFF much this summer? Start a book club and send each other letters about the book(s) you're reading. Little readers who aren't writing yet can send thoughts to friends and relatives in video form instead.
- Weeklong challenge: Read a different book by the same author each day.
- Read a picture book or **graphic novel**. When you're done, continue the story with artwork in the style of the illustrator.
- Cut up construction or scrapbook paper and create a paper chain to keep track of how many books you read this summer. Write a mini book review on each of the links.
- Ask your local librarian what his or her favorite book is. Read it, and then go back to tell them what you liked or disliked about the story.
- Weeklong challenge: Read a book in a different genre every day: **mystery**, **biography**, **graphic novel**, **poetry**, **nonfiction** — there are so many choices!
- Read a wordless picture book**. When you're done, write your own text for each page.
- Read a book about the beach — bonus points for reading it at the beach! If you don't live near a beach, throw on a bathing suit and lay on a towel in the living room. You can even play ocean sounds to make the experience feel more real.



- Make an art show featuring characters and scenes from your favorite books.
- Weeklong challenge: Read books with covers that match every color in the rainbow.
- Read a book and then create your own play or movie based on it. Use props and get your friends and family involved!
- Read to someone younger than you. When you're done, draw pictures about each of your favorite parts in the story.
- Read an article in the newspaper. Think about newsworthy events that have happened in your life and create your own newspaper using some of those stories.
- Weeklong challenge: Read different **award-winning books**. Create your own awards for different categories like Best Pictures, Funniest Story, and Character Who Would Make a Great Friend. Design emblems on Post-it Notes and award them to your favorites.
- Look through a cookbook**. Find your favorite recipe and make it with a grownup. Later, write your own menu featuring the food you made.
- Record yourself reading a book. Make sure to use expressive voices and show the pictures to your audience!
- Read a book about pets** to your pet. If you don't have one, read to a stuffed animal or sit outside and read to any of the birds or animals that wander by.
- Weeklong challenge: Read books with **main characters who are different from you** – girls, boys, different religions or cultures.
- Read a book about nature** and then go outside and explore!

