

## Summer Reading Resources for Life Students and their Parents



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Parents and Students:

Below I listed summer resources that are available to keep brains engaged in literacy throughout the summer! The best activity that you can do with your child is to READ 20 minutes everyday. Make daily reading a part of your summer routine!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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### Resources for Parents:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-reading-tips-parents>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/be-reading-role-model>

### Strategies for Summer Reading for Parents of Children with Dyslexia:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/strategies-summer-reading-children-dyslexia>

<https://dra-lessons-audio.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/DRA+ebook+For+Parents.pdf>

### Online Resources That Offer Books for Students to Read:

1. Epic is a child friendly website that is used by many of the NCS teachers in our building during the school year. To obtain this online program for the summer, go to <https://www.getepic.com/>

2. Do you have a library card and a digital device? If so, you can access all of the online resources that the public library has to offer using Libby, a free app. <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby>

Or, visit the local library in person, which offers a variety of summer reading programs for students. To find a library: <https://library.nashville.org/locations>

Nashville Public Library Summer Reading Events:

<https://library.nashville.org/events/summer-reading>

3. Bookshare is a free ebook resource for all ages of dyslexic students:

<https://www.bookshare.org/cms/>

4. For Amazon Prime Members:

<https://www.amazon.com/primeinsider/reading/prime-reading-perks.html>

5. Scholastic Learn at Home is a free option to keep kids engaged in reading throughout the summer:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/learn-at-home.html>

6. Is your child into **SPACE EXPLORATION**? This website offers free opportunities for students to listen to a variety of stories read by an astronaut on the International Space Station: <https://storytimefromspace.com/library/>

7. If you have a digital device, you can use the app, *Odiofy*, to read any printed text aloud.

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/audiofy-book-text-to-speech/id1499125748>

8. Is your child motivated to read by achieving goals and points or by playing online games? If so, check out the online program, *Book Adventure*. This program provides a variety of games and activities to test and expand the knowledge of vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. You can try it for seven days for free. You can upgrade for additional offerings.

<https://bookadventure.com/>

9. Is your child a beginning reader? If so, you will find decodable readers a great resource to use with early readers. Reading Rockets has a list of decodable text resources:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/decodable-text-sources>

10. For a small monthly fee, this company offers decodable books that can be accessed online. These books are very cute and engaging:

<https://www.decodablereadersaustralia.com.au/pages/parent-package>

11. Decodable books that you can print and read:

<https://www.expressreaders.org/free>

12. Learning Ally is available for students who have demonstrated reading based learning disabilities:

<https://learningally.org/About-Us/What-We-Do/Who-Qualifies>

### **Read Aloud Books to Enjoy As a Family**

1. Are you looking for books to enjoy reading aloud as a family? Check out these websites:

<https://www.trelease-on-reading.com/brochures.html>

<https://www.scholastic.com/100bestreadaloudbooks/index.html>

### **Resources to Locate Books at the Appropriate Reading Level:**

1. Use this AR Bookfinder resource to create a booklist that will be just right for your child.

<https://p.widencdn.net/s8wyxj/R40378-AR-Bookfinder-Parents-Guide>

2. The American Library Association offers suggestions for summer reading and publishes a yearly list of favorite children's books:

<https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2022-summer-reading-list>

3. Email your child's teacher to locate the Lexile level. Then you can use this resource to find appropriately matched books:

<https://lexile.com/parents-students/>

4. Scholastic Books provides a variety of grade level booklist for children:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading.html>

### **Resources to Use Online to Build Reading Skills**

1. Nessy is a website that was created by an individual who was diagnosed with dyslexia. This website offers programs for dyslexic students ages 6-14. Some of

the resources are free and follow Orton Gillingham principles. It is recommended by many Orton Gillingham practitioners. <https://www.nessy.com/en-us>

2. HearBuilder: This is an online program for students to use to build phonological awareness, auditory memory, and sequences to help students who struggle with listening, memory and comprehension.

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

3. If your child wants to focus on improving oral reading fluency, one option is Read Live One Minute Reader. A limited number of licenses are available to NCS students. Email Dr. Young if you are interested in using this program with your child during the summer. <https://oneminutereader.com/>

4. Literacy Apps: Use this link to find a variety of literacy apps to build vocabulary, spelling, comprehension, phonics, and writing skills.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/literacyapps>

## **Hands On Activities to Practice Literacy Skills**

1. 25 Ways to Learn at Home with Legos:

<https://childhood101.com/lego-learning-activities/>

2. *Reading Rockets* is a great resource for parents. This link offers 25 literacy activities parents can do with children birth to 6th Grade:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/25-activities-reading-and-writing-fun>