

Dear Parents,

Usually, at this time of year, I am looking forward to unstructured time, especially letting my kids sleep in a bit and me not having to make school lunches. However, this year is completely strange, and our schedule has already changed quite a bit. One big concern that people have about next school year is that the students will have not learned enough to be successful in the next grade. One thing that can mitigate this is reading every day. I would encourage you to make reading 20 minutes every day a priority for your child(ren).

Here is a list of lists; these sites provide lists of good books as well as links to other places that suggest books. They include lists of award winners, book reviews, author links, and activities related to reading. I am also including a link to a school librarian's YouTube collection of book trailers; book trailers are like movie trailers, providing information about a book to pique a child's (or parent's) interest.

- Spokane Public Library
Summer Reading Program: <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/summer-reading/>
- Spokane County Libraries
Summer Reading Program: <https://scl.d.beanstack.org/reader365>
- Library of Congress
<http://read.gov/kids/booklist.html>
- ThoughtCo, which used to be about.com, has lists of lists at <https://www.thoughtco.com/summer-reading-lists-for-kids-and-teens-627024>
- New York Public Library
<https://www.nypl.org/blog/2019/04/16/summer-reading-2018-grades-k-5-book-lists> and <https://www.nypl.org/books-more/recommendations/125/kids>
- American Library Association
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2020-summer-reading-list> for direct link to Summer 2020 reading lists and <http://www.ala.org/alsc/audiencemenus/parents> list of lists, including Newberry and Caldecott Award winners and honor books
- Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program, Grades 1-6, for a free book
<https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/h/summer-reading/2020/2020/SummerReadingJournal.pdf>
- The Book Wrangler Mike's collection of book trailers
<https://bit.ly/3d32Sxm>

Have a great summer and I hope to see you in the fall!

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