

SUMMER READING CLUB

Welcome Parents and Caregivers

Reading is an essential skill for everyone. It is the vital foundation of a child's learning and engagement in their school years and for life. Libraries are not only invested in supporting the development of early literacy skills of children from birth, they are also keen advocates of sustaining literacy and promoting the importance of recreational reading across all ages, particularly during the summer months.

WHY?

There is a tendency for children to lose some of the academic achievement gains made in the school year as they disengage from participation in educational activities and academic routines during the summer.

This loss of learning over the summer months is often referred to as the 'Summer Slide.' Research continues to demonstrate that access to books, involvement in fun recreational reading programs and extending connections to literature through arts and STEM activities has proven to combat the Summer Slide.

As a free, public, community space, with access to a variety of reading materials and resources for all interests' libraries are best placed to help you and your family to combat the Summer Slide throughout the summer.

It is their goal to help support you and your family's continued literacy development, by connecting you and your family to your library's holiday programs and activities which are specifically developed to encourage and nurture a love of literature and recreational reading.

Participating in the Summer Reading Club

Participation in the Summer Reading Club encourages children and young people to read for fun and enjoyment all summer long, thereby sustaining their skills into the coming school year and facilitates recreational reading.

Participation in the Summer Reading Club is FREE!

You can encourage your child to participate in the Summer Reading Club in the following ways:

AT YOUR LIBRARY	AT HOME	ONLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Register your child/children in the 2018 Summer Reading Club.<input type="checkbox"/> Sign-up for a library card.<input type="checkbox"/> Collect a book log.<input type="checkbox"/> Return to the library all summer long.<input type="checkbox"/> Help/encourage your child to select books to read during the summer holidays. Library staff can help guide your child/children to select reading materials that are of interest to them.<input type="checkbox"/> Explore all types of reading materials: magazines, comics, poetry books, newspapers, diaries, reference materials, cookbooks, atlases, maps, instructions for games, picture books and more!<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in your library's, Summer Reading Club and summer holiday activities. Ask your library staff for more information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Read with your children. Help your child to complete their reading log!<input type="checkbox"/> Talk about the books your child is reading. Look at the pictures, the cover and the title. Talk about what the book might be about.<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage a particular interest by talking and encouraging continued reading. Extend learning by looking up new vocabulary or knowledge online.<input type="checkbox"/> Read from all types of reading materials: magazines, comics, poetry books, newspapers, diaries, reference materials, cookbooks, atlases, maps, instructions for games, picture books and more!<input type="checkbox"/> Let your child/children see you reading! Why not keep your own SRC reading log along with your children.	<p>The Summer Reading Club themed website provides opportunities to participate in national online SRC competitions; post book raves, and artwork; and gives access to new Australian authors and illustrators.</p> <p>To support and extend your child's SRC experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your children to participate in the online Summer Reading Club activities.<input type="checkbox"/> Download themed activity booklets and colouring sheets from the SRC website.<input type="checkbox"/> Help your child submit their entries to the online writing activities.<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your children to upload their artwork to the Summer Reading Club Gallery. <p><i>Note: Online activities are delivered independent to our library offer. We encourage participation in both. Terms and Conditions regarding participation in online competitions are available on the SRC website.</i></p>

Contact your local public library for more information on their summer holiday and Summer Reading Club activities!