

Pittsburgh Public Schools Proudly Presents the Inaugural
K-5 CITYWIDE SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Summer Reading Adventure 2023

Join the Pittsburgh Public Schools **K-5 Citywide Summer Reading Program!** Read for enjoyment throughout the summer and engage in activities promoting health and wellness while nurturing your imagination, critical thinking, and creativity! Read to explore careers and learn more about your future career options. Take pictures throughout the summer and tag #PPSSummerReadingAdventure on social media!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration **opens** on **April 27th**.
- Registration **closes** on **May 15th**.
- The program will **begin** on **June 19th**.
- The program will **end** on **August 14th**.

INCENTIVES

- All participants will engage in fun reading activities throughout the summer!
- The first 4,000 students to register will receive a **free book** to read over the summer months, courtesy of Pittsburgh Public Schools and Reading is Fundamental!
- The first 250 students to register will receive **two free general admission tickets for a Pirate game**, courtesy of the Pittsburgh Pirates.
- Students will complete **3** online "Check-In" activities throughout the summer using a QR code/link.
 - **Check-In #1:** June 30th
 - **Check-In #2:** July 31st
 - **Final Check-In #3:** August 14th
- All students who complete the check-ins will be entered into a raffle to receive a prize.
- Prizes include admission tickets to various events, venues or gift cards.
- Students who complete all summer reading online check-ins will be entered into a grand prize drawing to be the PPS Superintendent for the day.



*Scan the QR code to
access the Summer
Reading Check-Ins!*



<https://forms.office.com/r/ae3mLWqwSm>

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ann Fillmore, Executive Director, Literacy, Humanities, and Library Services, afillmore1@pghschools.org.

TO PARTICIPATE, REGISTER BY MAY 15TH!



SUMMER READING ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Did you know that **reading just 5 books each summer** can help students become stronger, more confident readers? Reading for pleasure is one of the building blocks needed for young people to grow into healthy, productive adults. Participating in the **Pittsburgh Public Schools Summer Reading Adventure** program can improve critical thinking skills, build an appreciation for nature, and provide opportunities for family connections.

This summer, please register for the Pittsburgh Public Schools Summer Reading Adventure by **May 15th** and encourage your child to:

- select **at least three** Summer Reading Adventures Activities per month in June, July, and August.
- read **5** or more books from the beginning of June to the end of August.
- complete the three Pittsburgh Public Schools Summer Reading Adventures Check-Ins.

Scan the QR code to access the Summer Reading Check-Ins!



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READING ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

June Activities: Celebrate Summer

- Read while eating something frozen.
- Read a book while wearing sunglasses.
- Read in the sunshine! Go outside to read.
- Read your book under a blanket fort.
- Read a book about Juneteenth and make a list of Juneteenth celebrations in and around Pittsburgh.
- Read a book under a tree.
- Read a book to a tree or flower.
- Select a book from one of the [PPS Best Of Book Lists](#) and read it to a family member or friend.
- Read while sitting on a park bench or in a park.
- Read a book while eating your favorite summer snack.
- Lay on a blanket in the grass and read your favorite book.
- List all the books by your favorite author. See how many you can read this summer.
- Swap books with a friend. Keep sharing books throughout summer.
- Read a book about summer. Take a walk, and write about or draw the things you see that show summer is here.
- Read a book about insects. Draw an insect you see outside.
- Read a book about wildflowers, then pick wildflowers and press them between the pages of a heavy book until the end of summer.
- Read a book in your pajamas.
- Read your book to a pet or shelter animal.
- Read a book past your bedtime.
- Create your own reading activity to celebrate summer.

Be sure to check out the Carnegie Library's Summer Reading Extravaganza 2023!

June Online Check-In Prompt:

With an adult, explain how you celebrated literacy and summer in June. Use the QR code to complete this check-in online.

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July: Explore Your City, Neighborhood, and Community

- Read a book about nature. Take a walk and draw the living things that you see.
- Read a book about community helpers and plan a visit.
- Read a book written by a local author.
- Interview leaders in your city, neighborhood, and community and write a newspaper article about their accomplishments.
- Research summer reading activities hosted in your local library. Attend events and check out a book to read.
- Visit a local museum or art exhibit. Read about one of the exhibits. What did you learn?
- Walk historical trails across the city and read the placards along the way.
- Read a newspaper article about summer events in Pittsburgh for kids and families.
- Think about one of your favorite summer meals offered in your city, neighborhood, or community. Read the recipe for the meal and think about an ingredient you would add or remove.
- Write a book about your city, neighborhood, or community with no words and add the words as you read.
- Read books and talk to family members about your city or neighborhood.
- Select an autobiography/biography on a local athlete. Discuss a challenge he/she/they encountered and how he/she/they overcame it.
- Read a book about Independence Day and make a list of Independence Day celebrations in and around Pittsburgh.
- With a parent take a virtual tour of the PPS CTE Programs. Write down what you learn.
- Build a model of the setting in the book you are reading.
- Design a board game from your book.
- Create your own reading activity to explore your city, neighborhood, and community.

Don't forget to take pictures throughout the summer and tag #PPSSummerReading Adventure on social media!



July Online Check-In Prompt:

With an adult, explain how you explored your city, neighborhood, and community in July. Use the QR code to complete this check-in online.

August: Honor Summer's End

- Plant a flower in honor of a fictional character or real person from a non-fiction book you read this summer.
- Draw your book's setting or characters with sidewalk chalk.
- Read a poem about summer and fall. Compare and contrast the themes across the two poems.
- Select a book about summer. Record a book hook (commercial for the book) to share with a friend when you start school in the fall.
- Create a postcard to summarize your favorite summer reading activities and adventures.
- Create a summer reading scrapbook to capture your activities and adventures.
- Write a summary of a book you read this summer using an invented code. For example, (A=1, B=2, C=3, etc).
- If you completed the wildflower activity in June and July, collect your wildflowers and put them in a summer scrapbook or paste them on heavy paper to make a bookmark. Label your wildflowers and add captions.
- August is National Wellness Month. With an adult visit the [PPS Health and Wellness Center](#). Try a wellness activity and tell a friend about it.
- Read a book about the solar system. Keep track of the time the sun sets each day from the beginning of August until the end of September.
- Read a book about going back to school. Write a letter to your new reading teacher, sharing all that you read this summer!
- Create your own reading activity to honor summer's end.

August Online Check-In Prompt:

With an adult, explain how you honored summer's end in August. Use the QR code to complete this check-in online.

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