

CCSD Summer Reading Program 2016

FAQ for Parents

For more information, visit www.cobbsummerreading.com

When does the CCSD Summer Reading Program 2016 begin and end?

The Summer Reading Program begins on May 9 and ends on September 9. CCSD, in conjunction with Cobb County Public Libraries, Smyrna Public Library, and Marietta City Schools, has partnered with Scholastic Summer Reading, a national program, and these dates accommodate school calendars across the country.

Why should students participate in a Summer Reading Program?

Research shows that many children experience what is often called "summer slide," when students are exposed to fewer educational opportunities and, as a result, lose some of the gains made in school during the year. By actively participating in a summer reading program, studies show that students often maintain or improve their reading abilities throughout the summer.*

How does the CCSD Summer Reading Program encourage students to read?

Students can keep track of time spent reading to compete with other CCSD schools, as well as schools across the nation, in the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Last year CCSD students logged over 6 MILLION minutes of summer reading, and CCSD schools represented 9 of the top 10 schools for number of minutes read in the entire state of Georgia! On the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge website, students can also participate in weekly challenges for prizes and badges, as well as get to know favorite authors.

Where do students log their reading minutes?

Go to <http://www.scholastic.com/summer/kids/>. Your school's library media specialist is typically the summer reading coordinator at each school, and he or she will provide the user name and password to each student before school ends.

What do I do if my student forgot his/her user name or password?

- Call the Scholastic Customer Service number at 1 (800) SCHOLASTIC 1 (800) 246-2986 Monday – Friday 8 AM to 7 PM EST.
- Email summerchallengehelp@scholastic.com
- Visit any Cobb County Public Library branch or the Smyrna Public Library and they will retrieve your user name and password. Please have the student ID number ready.
- To maintain accurate records, it is recommended that students retrieve their original user name and password rather than create a new account.

What type of devices support the Scholastic Summer Reading Program website?

You can access the Scholastic Summer Reading Program on a computer, smart phone, or tablet. It is best viewed in Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browsers.

What should we do if we have difficulty accessing the internet?

Students may write their minutes on a paper log that contains the following information: student's name, date, minutes read, title of book. Please bring your reading log to the media specialist at the beginning of the school year.

Is there a suggested book list?

A key factor in cultivating lifelong reading is being able to choose what to read, so rather than a set list of books, students are free to read books they choose. For book suggestions, please visit <http://www.cobbsummerreading.com/reading-resources.html> or stop by any of the Cobb County

Public Library branches. Your media specialist may also provide suggestions prior to the end of school.

My student is a rising 6th grader or rising 9th grader. Which school will be attached to my student's account?

The minutes recorded by rising 6th and 9th graders count for the student's previous school. It is recommended that rising 6th & 9th grade students print copies of their reading logs to submit to their new schools.

Where can I learn more about the benefits of reading regularly in the summer?

- http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=know_the_facts
- <http://ideas.demco.com/blog/summer-slide/>
- <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/developing-reading-skills/three-ways-to-prevent-summer-slide>



Be sure to visit the Switzer Library for the Summer Reading Kickoff on June 4th and all summer long! The Scholastic Summer Reading Road Trip will visit Switzer Library with author Jackson Pearce on July. 22nd. Visit <http://www.cobbcats.org/srp> for details.

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