



THE GOVERNOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Students and Families:

To learn more, ask your teacher, principal, or school or public librarian,
or contact the Connecticut State Department of Education
at 860-713-6751 or www.ct.gov/sde.

Name _____

Grade _____

School _____

Town _____

My favorite book was _____

I liked this book because _____



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Summer Reading Journal

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Total Number of Books Read _____



The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge

A Message to Parents and Students

The State of Connecticut sponsors the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge because reading is the most important skill. Research shows that reading is crucial to a child's brain development and intellectual stimulation. And that's just the beginning:



Reading is a gateway skill. It opens the door to all other learning.



Reading is the processing of information. It requires the student to develop a capacity for conceptual thinking — an ability to think about the nature and significance of things.



Reading builds language skills. By becoming more familiar with language through reading, students build a rich vocabulary and an ability to express themselves clearly and creatively.



Reading builds better thinking strategies. Analyzing words, sentences, themes and meaning; concentrating, conceptualizing and visualizing — all these elements of reading are strategies to expand a student's ability to think.



Reading is active and disciplined. Students learn to choose what they read and when they read, and they learn to discipline themselves to concentrate on the written word.

What YOU Can Do to Encourage Reading



Use the library.

Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Help children learn how to use the library's resources: card catalogs, computer systems, best-seller sections, etc. Visit regularly — as often as you go to the grocery store.



Read every day.

Make it a habit to set aside time each day for everyone to read—books, magazines, newspapers, letters. You can even begin by reading television listings, then discussing what you will watch together and why.



Talk about what you're reading.

Children need to see adults reading frequently. They also need to know the benefits of reading. Talk to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, even young neighbors about what you're reading. Tell them how much you have enjoyed it, what you have learned, and how you have been inspired.



Ask about summer reading materials.

Schools and libraries often provide summer reading lists that highlight excellent books which are readily available, popular and consistent with grade-level reading skills. Call your school or library for information.



Make reading materials part of your home.

Buy books at bookstores and tag sales. Borrow books from the library and from friends. Subscribe to newspapers and magazines. *Then read, read, read!*

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SUMMER READING

Favorites & Classics

For Kindergarten to Grade 2

Miss Nelson is Missing! by *Harry Allard*

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. | Lexile: 340

Ten, Nine, Eight by *Molly Bang*

Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by *Judi Barrett*

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers — until the weather takes a turn for the worse. | Lexile: 730

The Mitten by *Jan Brett*

One by one, animals in a snowy forest crawl into Nicki's lost white mitten to get warm until the bear sneezes, sending the animals flying up and out of the mitten. On each turn page, signature borders inspired by Ukrainian folk art hint at what animal is coming next. | Lexile: 800

Goodnight Moon by *Margaret Wise Brown*

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air. | Lexile: 360

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by *Eric Carle*

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them. | Lexile: 440

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by *Doreen Cronin*

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. | Lexile: 160

Strega Nona: An Old Tale by *Tomie de Paola*

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic

pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works. | Lexile: 800

Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía una Llamita by *Angela Dominguez*

In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme, Maria takes her llama to school one day.

Abuela by *Arthur Dorros*

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. | Lexile: 520

Millions of Cats by *Wanda Gág*

How can an old man and his wife select one cat from a choice of millions and trillions? | Lexile: 730

Honey I Love: and Other Love Poems by *Eloise Greenfield*

Titles include "I Look Pretty," "Fun," "Riding on the Train," "Harriet Tubman," and "By Myself." | Lexile: 290

Harold and the Purple Crayon by *Crockett Johnson*

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon. | Lexile: 490

The Snowy Day by *Ezra Jack Keats*

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. | Lexile: 500

The Carrot Seed by *Ruth Krauss*

Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants. | Lexile: 230

Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same! by *Grace Lin*

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different. | Lexile: 390

Frederick by *Leo Lionni*

Frederick, the poet mouse, stores up something special for the long cold winter. | Lexile: 500





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The Poky Little Puppy by *Janette Sebring Lowrey*

One night a puppy, who is always late coming home, finds there is no dessert for him. | Lexile: 640

George and Martha by *James Marshall*

Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. | Lexile: 500

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by *Bill Martin*

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. | Lexile: 530

Make Way for Ducklings by *Robert McCloskey*

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. | Lexile: 630

The Little Engine That Could by *Watty Piper*

Although she is not very big, the Little Blue Engine agrees to try to pull a stranded train full of toys over the mountain. | Lexile: 680

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by *Beatrix Potter*

Adventurous Peter Rabbit disobeys his mother and wanders into Mr. McGregor's garden. | Lexile: 660

Good Night, Gorilla by *Peggy Rathmann*

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures by *Cynthia Rylant*

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other

children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. | Lexile: 420

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by *Jon Scieszka*

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. | Lexile: 570

Where the Wild Things Are by *Maurice Sendak*

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king. | Lexile: 740

Caps for Sale by *Esphyr Slobodkina*

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. | Lexile: 480

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by *Judith Viorst*

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too. | Lexile: 970

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by *Mo Willems*

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place. | Lexile: 120

Bear Snores On by *Karma Wilson*

On a cold winter night many animals gather to party in the cave of a sleeping bear, who then awakes and protests that he has missed the food and the fun. | Lexile: 280

FAVORITE AUTHORS

Byron Barton
Margaret Wise Brown
Anthony Browne
Eric Carle
Donald Crews
Tomie de Paola
P. D. Eastman
Ed Emberley

Mem Fox
Ezra Jack Keats
Jon Klassen
James Marshall
Robert McCloskey
Jon Muth
Jerry Pinkney
Peggy Rathmann

Dr. Seuss
Maurice Sendak
David Shannon
Williams Steig
David Wiesner
Mo Willems
Karma Wilson
Jacqueline Woodson

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Jonathan Trumbull Library
580 Exeter Rd. Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-7763

Calendar of Events

Movie: Peter Rabbit

Monday, June 25 at 2:00 pm

Peter Rabbit, the mischievous and adventurous hero who has captivated generations of readers, now takes on the starring role of his own cute, contemporary comedy with attitude.

Chris Lengyel Magic

June 26, 2018 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm

Chris is a one-of-a-kind magician/illusionist who has performed his show "Nothing Up My Sleeves" at venues all over the east coast of the United States. He has been featured on national television, and has performed for numerous celebrities including WWE Hall of Famer, Scott Hall, YouTube Sensation, Kevin "LA Beast" Strahle, and the legendary magician duo, Penn and Teller.

Library Rocks: In memory of Lebanon Mom, Ashley Key

June 27, 2018 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm

This program is geared for teens. Please register. Wear old clothes!

Rocks + Art = Awesome Tell your friends!!

Rocks will be available, but feel free to bring a few of your favorites. We'll have the paint & brushes. Get creative! We'll display the finished pieces outside the library.

Rock events will be held this summer in memory of Lebanon mom, Ashley Key. JTL was a favorite place of Ashley and her son, Justin. They would check out books on a weekly basis and attend various library programs. Last summer, Ashley was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Even when she wasn't feeling well, Ashley continued to bring Justin to the library. Ashley and Justin also began painting and hiding kindness rocks. Ashley was granted her angel wings in May. Please consider attending one or more of these summer rock painting events. Donations to the library will be accepted to purchase children's books in Ashley's memory.

Please make checks payable to Jonathan Trumbull Library.

Library Rocks: In memory of Lebanon Mom, Ashley Key

June 28, 2018 (Thursday) at 2:00 pm

All ages. Please register. Wear old clothes!

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Rocks will be available, but feel free to bring a few of your favorites. We'll have the paint & brushes. Get creative! We'll display the finished pieces outside the library.

Judi Ann Jones: Dancin' with the Hoops

June 28, 2018 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm

Hoop dance is the fusion of dance, exercise, creative movement, and play. I use custom-made hoops that are larger and slightly heavier than the classic toy hoop. The larger and heavier the hoop is, the easier it is for you to maneuver the hoop around the body. Get ready to grab a hoop and join the fun!

Ninjago Club

June 30 (Saturday) at 11:00 am

If you enjoy Ninjago, come join us! Bring a few of your favorite Ninjagos to show your friends. We'll make parachutes and zip lines for your characters to test out. Since this is the first Ninjago meeting, you can check out our collection to see what you'd like to borrow, and make suggestions for items to add to our collection.

New London County 4-H "Rocking & Rolling on the High Seas"

July 2, 2018 (Monday) at 1:00 pm

Ages 7-11. Limit 12 participants. Please register.

Using simple materials, make a boat that can hold the heaviest cargo.

Engineering with Keva Planks

July 5th, 2018 (Thursday) at 2:00 pm

Ages 7-11 Limit 15 participants.

We'll have plenty of challenges for you! Bring your engineering skills.

Music, Bubbles and Comedy Show: Born to Read with Turtle Dance Music

July 7, 2018 (Saturday) at 10:00 am

Ages 2 and up.

This is a high-energy performance about why libraries rock! The show engages children of all ages with songs, comedy, bubbles, music technology and is crafted also for children on the Autism Spectrum. Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. Kids will dance, sing, and understand why libraries are so important for our future. Parents, teachers and caregivers are also welcome to join the fun.

Minute to Win it Games

July 9, 2018 (Monday) at 3:00 pm

Ages 8 and up. Limit 12.

Think you can beat the clock? Which challenge will prove to be the most difficult? Come find out!

This is a sampling of what's going on at JTL this summer! Check our calendar for a complete listing of all of our programs. Happy Reading!

DJ Red Supreme Dance Party Workshop

July 10, 2018 (Tuesday) at 6:00 pm

Ages 4 to 7

Kids will learn easy to follow party dance moves lead by DJ Red Supreme. This program is designed to build self-confidence, emphasize the importance of exercise, be expressive and creative using party dancing, help kids learn to listen and feel the music while dancing, and put a smile on their face.

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center: Life in a Rock Wall

July 12, 2018 (Thursday) at 2:00 pm

Ages 4 and up. Limit 25. Please register.

Meet the animals who call rock walls home; from snakes and salamanders to spiders and centipedes. Participants will also have a chance to build their own mini rock wall to bring home!

New London County 4-H Cupcake Geology

July 16, 2018 (Monday) at 1:00 pm

Ages 7-11. Limit 12 participants. Please call to register.

What could core sampling of the earth have to do with a cupcake? Come and find out! (not suitable for gluten allergies).

Library Rocks: In memory of Lebanon Mom, Ashley Key

July 18, 2018 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm

All ages. Please call to register.. Wear old clothes!

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Rocks will be available, but feel free to bring a few of your favorites. We'll have the paint & brushes. Get creative & create beautiful kindness rocks!

Pokémon Club

July 21, 2018 (Saturday) at 10 am

Bring your cards to trade or a device with a Pokémon game to play with friends!

All ages welcome.

New London County 4-H "Ozobots Rockin' Dance Party"

July 30, 2018 (Monday) at 1:00 pm.

Ages 7-11. Limit 12 participants. Please call to register.

Learn about coding by making the tiny robot Ozobots follow dance moves.

Children's Museum of SECT: Force and Motion: Roller Coasters

July 31, 2018 (Tuesday) at 2:00 pm

Ages 8-10. Limit 20. Please register.

After exploring different roller coasters around the world, students break into teams and create a roller coaster of their own. Children work with Newton's three laws of motion and the forces involved in the operation of roller coasters as they design, build, and test their own creations.

Library Rocks: In memory of a Lebanon Mom, Ashley Key

August 1, 2018 (Wednesday) at 3:00 pm

All ages. Please call to register.. Wear old clothes!

Rocks + Art = Awesome

Tell your friends!!

You bring the rocks, we'll have the paint & brushes. Get creative & create beautiful kindness rocks!

Children's Museum of SECT: Under the Sea

August 2, 2018 (Thursday) at 2:00 pm

Ages 4-7. Limit 20. Please register.

Using imaginations and some of the museum's sea life artifacts, children start on an exploration of the ocean habitat. Explore different seaweeds, meet some sea creatures, use realistic stamping to create individual art, and hunt/classify shells!

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center: Geology Rocks

August 6, 2018 (Monday) at 2:00 pm

Ages 6 and up. Limit 25. Please register.

Geology is the study of the Earth and what it is made of. Learn why the Earth looks the way it does by completing hands-on experiments with plate tectonics, glaciers, erosion and volcanoes!

Animal Embassy: Nature Rocks!

August 9, 2018 (Thursday) at 4:00 pm

Family event for ages 5 and up.

This educational and entertaining program will take families around the world with a unique group of rescued and adopted animals, representing diverse habitats. While exploring these habitats, we will discover some of the musical instruments used by people indigenous to these regions such as a rainstick, maracas or a drum. We'll also discuss examples of animals that contribute to nature's symphony including song birds, chirping crickets and chorus frogs. Families will meet incredible live Animal Ambassadors such as South American Chinchillas, North American Spring Peepers, a Cuban Tree Frog, an African Sulcata Tortoise, an African Lovebird or Australian Eclectus Parrot, an African Savannah Monitor and a Dumeril's Boa from Madagascar.

Fun with Rhythms with Edward Leonard

August 13, 2018 (Monday) at 2:00 pm

"Fun with Rhythms" is an educational drum and music circle designed to teach children (and adults) the fundamentals of music while playing interactive rhythm games with drums and hand-held percussion instruments from around the world (kids will also have the thrill of playing on a full drum set).

The program lasts about an hour and includes making maracas with plastic eggs and recyclable containers that everyone can take home.

Parents and caregivers are invited to join in the fun, making this a quality time event for the entire family.