

## Encourage Reading All Long!

*According to Irish writer, Sir Richard Steele, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."*

When children do not read during the summer months, research suggests they may lose up to three months of reading ability. Additional research supports growth in reading skills when a child is presented with opportunities to listen to books or stories. Interacting with text helps children develop important background knowledge which, in turn, fosters engaged, independent readers.

While CCSD does not mandate nor assess summer reading, we strongly encourage children, along with their families, to participate in reading for enjoyment over the summer. Georgia Department of Education has provided an opportunity for students to read throughout the summer months. Students can access quality books online with the intent to nurture the love of reading. "Get Georgia Reading" offers a valuable resource called *myOn* by Renaissance that provides access to over 6,000 book titles, as well as daily news links, activities and suggestions for parents and children based on reading levels and interests.

This summer opportunity is available to students from May 6<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Follow the steps below to enjoy reading and the activities that are available to students all summer.

1) Click on [myOn](#) by Renaissance.

2) You will need your district login information:

**School Name:** Get Georgia Reading (type the first few letters then choose from drop-down)

**User Name:** cherokeecounty

**Password:** read

**Sign in**

3) For additional instruction on using the program, view this video:

<http://p.widencdn.net/m3npbh/2018-Get-Georgia-Reading>

4) Or, follow these directions:

**Once logged in to the myON site:**

- Click on the "Library icon at the top of the page.
- Next, click the "Browse" icon.

- Narrow your search by reading level, lexile, grade, etc., by first clicking on the  icon and then the  icon. Choose search option (grade level, reading level, story type) that you want to search. After making your selection, click the  icon. Scroll down to see your book options. Each time you make a different selection, click the  icon to refresh your search.



- Use this button at the top right corner to gain access to reading activities, journals, and portfolios. Choose either “Activity, Journal, Portfolio.”
- Click on the “News” button to find daily news stories.
- You may also download the app on your mobile device by click on this  in the right upper corner of the webpage.

**You now know everything you need to know to access the site for free summer reading!**

### ***Reading Rockets' 10 Tips for Parents to Promote Reading:***

#### **1. Read aloud together with your child every day.**

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

#### **2. Set a good example!**

Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

#### **3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.**

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

#### **4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.**

It will only discourage the reading habit.

#### **5. Buy audio books, especially for a child with a learning disability.**

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

#### **6. Take your children to the library regularly.**

Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

***See the next page for a suggested summer reading list by myON Renaissance.***

## Suggested summer reading booklist

Grade Level	Title	Author	Publisher	Grade Level	Title	Author	Publisher
KG - 2	Fox: City Safari	Thomas, Isabel	Heinemann-Raintree	3 - 5	A Weekend with Dinosaurs: Fantasy Science Field Trips	Throp, Claire	Heinemann-Raintree
KG - 2	Raccoon: City Safari	Thomas, Isabel	Heinemann-Raintree	3 - 6	The Yellowstone Kidnapping That Wasn't	Brezenoff, Steve	Stone Arch Books
PK - 2	Barn Owls: Nocturnal Hunters	Rissman, Rebecca	Heinemann-Raintree	3 - 6	The Grand Canyon Burros That Broke	Brezenoff, Steve	Stone Arch Books
KG - 1	Let's Look at South Africa	Clapper, Nikki Bruno	Capstone Press	3 - 6	The Amazing Lewis and Clark Expedition	Blashfield, Jean F.	Capstone Press
KG - 1	Let's Look at Greece	Clapper, Nikki Bruno	Capstone Press	2 - 5	Secret of the Summer School Zombies	Nickel, Scott	Stone Arch Books
1 - 3	Helping the Environment	Parker, Victoria	Heinemann-Raintree	3 - 6	Softball Surprise	Maddox, Jake	Stone Arch Books
KG - 2	Red Eyes or Blue Feathers: A Book About Animal Colors	Stockland, Patricia M.	Picture Window Books	2 - 5	The Monster of Lake Lobo	Nickel, Scott	Stone Arch Books
PK - 2	Clothing of the World	Loewen, Nancy	Capstone Press	2 - 6	Destined for Space: Our Story of Exploration	Nardo, Don	Capstone Press
PK - 2	Amazon Adventure	Estrella, Laura	Capstone Press	2 - 6	Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster	Genito, Mary M.	Capstone Press
1 - 2	Dino Hunt: A Robot and Rico Story	Suen, Anastasia	Stone Arch Books	3 - 5	Shocking Sharks	Guitlan, Charlotte	Heinemann-Raintree
1 - 2	The Noisy Night: A Pet Club Story	Hooks, Gwendolyn	Stone Arch Books	3 - 6	The Legend of the Bermuda Triangle	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	Picture Window Books
1 - 3	The Not-so-Deadly Dragon	Tullen, Sean	Stone Arch Books	6 - 10	Sustaining Our Natural Resources	Green, Jen	Heinemann-Raintree
PK - 3	Pets on Vacation	Jenck, Heidi Shelton	Picture Window Books	3 - 9	Matthew Henson: Arctic Adventurer	Hossa, E. A.	Capstone Press
1 - 3	Vacation Queen	Peschke, Marci	Picture Window Books	3 - 9	Investigating Machu Picchu: An Isabel Soto Archaeology Adventure	Sohn, Emily	Capstone Press
2 - 3	Rocky and Daisy Take a Vacation	Crow, Melinda Melton	Stone Arch Books	3 - 9	Uncovering Mummies: An Isabel Soto Archaeology Adventure	Biskup, Agnieszka	Capstone Press
PK - 2	A Nature Walk on the Beach	Spilsbury, Louise; Spilsbury, Richard	Heinemann-Raintree	6 - 10	Food Chains and Webs	Solway, Andrew	Heinemann-Raintree
PK - 1	Summer: Signs of the Season Around North America	Gerard, Valerie J.	Picture Window Books	3 - 9	The Guys' Guide to Making the Outdoors More Awesome	Braun, Eric	Capstone Press
1 - 3	Nature Calls	Young, Jessica	Picture Window Books	3 - 9	The Amazing Story of Space Travel: Max Axiom STEM Adventures	Biskup, Agnieszka	Capstone Press
PK - 1	Patterns in Nature	Alaina Maria	Capstone Press	3 - 9	Campfire for Kids	Howard, Melanie A.	Capstone Press
PK - 2	Whose Home Is This?	Murphy, Julie	Capstone Press	3 - 9	Busting Boredom in the Great Outdoors	Ozark, Tyler	Capstone Press
3 - 5	Human Environmental Impact: How We Affect Earth	Sawyer, Ava	Capstone Press	6 - 6	Sea Turtles' Race to the Sea: A Cause and Effect Investigation	Allen, Kathy	Capstone Press
3 - 5	Sleepover Girls: Willow's Spring Break Adventure	Jones, Jen	Stone Arch Books	5 - 9	Peter Pan: A Graphic Novel	Barrie, J. M.	Stone Arch Books
3 - 6	Grassland Food Chains	Silverman, Buffy	Heinemann-Raintree	5 - 9	Mars Rover: How a Self-Portrait Captured the Power of Curiosity	Smith-Lera, Danebe	Compass Point Books
3 - 6	Rain Forest Food Chains	Moore, Heidi	Heinemann-Raintree	5 - 9	Finding the Titanic: How Images from the Ocean Depths Fueled Interest in the Doomed Ship	Burgan, Michael	Compass Point Books
3 - 5	France: A Benjamin Blog and His Inquisitive Dog Guide	Ganeri, Anita	Heinemann-Raintree	3 - 9	Unsolved Mysteries of Nature	Motgomery, Heather L.	Capstone Press
3 - 5	Egypt: A Benjamin Blog and His Inquisitive Dog Guide	Ganeri, Anita	Heinemann-Raintree	3 - 9	Extreme Water Sports	Edgar, Eric K.	Capstone Press
4 - 6	Writing and Staging Adventure Plays	Guitlan, Charlotte	Heinemann-Raintree	6 - 9	The Mothman's Shadow	Strange, Jason	Stone Arch Books
3 - 6	Windsurfing Winner	Maddox, Jake	Stone Arch Books	3 - 9	Campfire Chef: Mouthwatering Campfire Recipes	Omoth, Tyler	Capstone Press
3 - 5	Day of the Field Trip Zombies	Nickel, Scott	Stone Arch Books	5 - 9	Pirates: Truth and Rumors	Price, Sean Stewart	Capstone Press
				5 - 8	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain, Mark	myON Classics
				3 - 9	Jane Goodall: Animal Scientist	Krohn, Katherine	Capstone Press

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