

Summer Reading Program 2019

This year students across the state of Utah will have an opportunity to participate in the 2019 Governor's Summer Reading Program, KSL Read Today, McDonald's Happy Meal Readers program, The Utah State Library Division, and the Salt Lake Bees' Read with the Bees program. Students can register for the summer reading program at <http://www.readtoday.com/>. Students ages 6-14 are challenged to read or be read to 20 minutes a day. Those who complete the summer reading challenge and submit their forms receive prizes from the sponsors including two free tickets to a Salt Lake Bees Game. Additionally, the Kanab City Library is hosting their summer reading program titled A Universe of Stories. Additional information can be found at <https://www.kanablibrary.org/>. We encourage students to read during the summer to help prevent the "summer slide", which means student reading skills will substantially regress over the summer if they are not involved in reading.

BOOKS BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books.



SOURCE: Allington, Richard L., Anne McGill-Franzen, Gregory Camilli, Lunetta Williams, Jennifer Graf, Josephine Zeng, Courtney Zmush, and Rhonda Howell. "Addressing Summer Reading Setback Among Economically Disadvantaged Elementary Students." *Reading Psychology* 31 6 (2010): 411-27. Web.

Source: <https://www.slaytheslide.com/what-is-summer-slide.html>

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