Let's Keep the Reading Going This Summer, Snow Wolves!

With the first month of summer behind us, there's still **five great weeks** left before school begins! By this point in the summer, many children are starting to look for something new to do—or are simply saying, "I'm bored!"

Reading is one of the best ways to keep your child's mind active and curious over the long summer. Whether your child is already an avid reader or just needs a little encouragement, we hope these free resources help make reading fun for the rest of the summer!

Flagstaff Public Library Summer Reading Challenge

The challenge runs June 8–July 24, and it's not too late to join! Families can:

- Log their child's reading minutes. **Backlog reading all the way to June 8**, even if you're just getting started.
- Discover free library events and activities happening throughout the summer.
- Earn fun prizes, including **a free book** and a **Flagstaff Fun Folder** filled with coupons, discounts, and freebies from local businesses.

Sign up HERE: https://www.flagstaffpubliclibrary.org/news/summer-reading-challenge-2026-unearth-story

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Amazing Free Online Reading Resources: Click on Resource Title to Learn More

Start with a Book

Explore topics your child already loves—from animals and space to sports and nature—and discover book recommendations, hands-on activities, and more. https://www.startwithabook.org

Skybrary

Available on desktop or through the free app, Skybrary is completely ad-free and designed for children **ages 3–9**. The free version includes **100+ eBooks that can be read aloud to your child** and **50 virtual field trips**, making reading come alive wherever you are. https://www.skybrary.org/pricing

PBS Kids

Enjoy free educational games, summer learning activities, videos, and printable resources featuring your child's favorite PBS characters. https://pbskids.org

Pizza Hut BOOK IT!® Program

A fun throwback for many parents! Since 1984, BOOK IT! has encouraged students to set monthly reading goals. When they reach the goal, they earn a **FREE Personal Pan Pizza.** https://www.bookitprogram.com

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📖 Summer Reading Lists & Book Recommendations

ALA/ALCS Summer Reading Lists:

Published by the American Library Association and the Association for Library Services to Children, these are free reading recommendations and digital media organized by: Birth–Pre-K, Grades K–2, Grades 3–5, and Grades 6–8

2025 Summer Reading List: https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/summer-2025

2026 Summer Reading List: https://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/summer-2026

Lee & Low Books – Diverse Summer Reading Lists

Explore culturally diverse book collections, including Mexican folk art, Spanish-language titles, and many other multicultural reading lists. https://www.leeandlow.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/SummerReadingList.pdf

We Need Diverse Books / We Are Kid Lit Collective

Outstanding book recommendations featuring Black, Indigenous, and other diverse voices and experiences.

https://www.diversebooks.org/resources

https://wtpsite.wordpress.com

🎯 More Summer Reading Ideas for Families

The **National Education Association (NEA)** offers a fantastic collection of summer reading resources, including:

- Research on summer reading
- Family reading activities
- Tips for encouraging reluctant readers
- Resources for every age

https://www.nea.org/resource-library/get-serious-about-summer-reading

Happy Reading! Every book, every chapter, and every story helps build stronger readers. Thank you for supporting your child's joy of reading all summer long!