**Connecticut Reads Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge**

For the reading challenge, after your child reads, he/she completes the reading journal: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/CTRead/SR2020_journal.pdf>

When school resumes, *please return the reading journal to your next year’s teacher*.



To support summer reading, the CT State Library is offering students and families access to

**RBDigital,**

a vast collection of free audiobooks and eBooks.

For more information, visit the **RBDigital Web site** at: [**https://iconnct.rbdigital.com**](https://iconnct.rbdigital.com/).

*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.
* 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 access to electronic library resources.
* To access eBooks and audiobooks, go to <https://iconnct.rbdigital.com> .
* 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!**

*Seymour School District Summer Reading Lists:*



*Bungay School- Online Reading Resources for Families*

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\_L7lcdId\_cNIChhOAaGUYWUJK9SxJLK5Bb8P9qnAk3s/edit?usp=sharing](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1_L7lcdId_cNIChhOAaGUYWUJK9SxJLK5Bb8P9qnAk3s%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7Ckatarzyna.kanarek%40yale.edu%7C0097ef0c579e4f3cb50408d80e376682%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C1%7C637274978444826475&sdata=gD%2B5c2MzXqONuGPZyx5iapGP014gPDWfl%2FrBlYSi1Do%3D&reserved=0)

*Classroom Digital Educational Resources:*

* Khan Academy: [https://www.khanacademy.org/login](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.khanacademy.org%2Flogin&data=02%7C01%7Ckatarzyna.kanarek%40yale.edu%7C0097ef0c579e4f3cb50408d80e376682%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C0%7C637274978444826475&sdata=9QOkWrNXNKe2AVZFi3eo3EIZAzl%2Fm4HaAKfEKwnvtyQ%3D&reserved=0)
* Lexia: [https://auth.mylexia.com/mylexiaLogin](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fauth.mylexia.com%2FmylexiaLogin&data=02%7C01%7Ckatarzyna.kanarek%40yale.edu%7C0097ef0c579e4f3cb50408d80e376682%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C1%7C637274978444836469&sdata=BJz%2F8wSE0YFCag84%2Fea96etG9MpSDPC909Kfy6ESMdk%3D&reserved=0)
* Raz Kids: [https://www.raz-kids.com/](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.raz-kids.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7Ckatarzyna.kanarek%40yale.edu%7C0097ef0c579e4f3cb50408d80e376682%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C1%7C637274978444836469&sdata=4nSVpPUmY4PTMjjHK4ll5SzskNq788N%2BrmEDvRMrw4Q%3D&reserved=0)
* EPIC: [https://www.getepic.com/](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.getepic.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7Ckatarzyna.kanarek%40yale.edu%7C0097ef0c579e4f3cb50408d80e376682%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C1%7C637274978444846465&sdata=Nn0i3%2BIAaT1AJRRZk5UOVvIVrDZTK%2FHaNL%2FjIRer24g%3D&reserved=0)
* News ELA: [https://newsela.com/](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnewsela.com%2F&data=02%7C01%7Ckatarzyna.kanarek%40yale.edu%7C0097ef0c579e4f3cb50408d80e376682%7Cdd8cbebb21394df8b4114e3e87abeb5c%7C0%7C1%7C637274978444846465&sdata=KYIpBTegmLrcaLouRBBBl4wPHQTic6OH1yE6oxKjbc8%3D&reserved=0)

**CSDE Suggested Summer Reading**

[**Grade K - Grade 2**](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/CTRead/GradesK-2_2020_Summer_Reading.pdf)   
[**Grade 3 - Grade 4**](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/CTRead/Grades3-4_2020_Summer_Reading.pdf)   
[**Grade 5 - Grade 6**](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/CTRead/Grades5-6_2020_Summer_Reading.pdf)