



Age Group
Kinders

The Bookworm



From your
local library
and Idaho's Read
to Me program

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Summer Reading

Repeated studies show that over the summer months most children lose some of the reading gains they made throughout the school year. You can help prevent this set-back!

SIX EASY WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS TO READ THIS SUMMER

1. Get your child a library card at your local public library. It's **free!** Many libraries offer free summer cards for those who live out of the district.
2. Encourage your child to read every day. Take advantage of "waiting" time to share books: on trips, at the doctor's office, in line at the grocery store.
3. Check out audiobooks from your library. Listening to books helps children build fluency.
4. Choose a longer chapter book for a family "read aloud" and take turns reading chapters or pages.
5. Have books everywhere - in the car, in front of the TV, in the kitchen, on the porch...
6. Sign your child up for this year's summer reading program at your library. When children read what they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers.



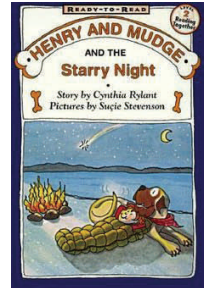
Dream Big—Read!

This year's summer reading theme is all about nighttime and achieving dreams. Many libraries offer summer reading programs, so check out your local library's summer calendar for free children's events, storytimes, prizes, and more!

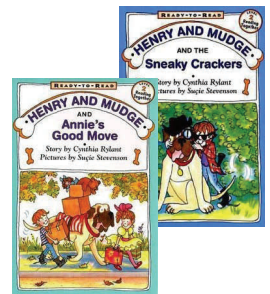
Book of the Month

Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night, by Cynthia Rylant

Henry, his big dog Mudge, and his parents go on a quiet camping trip to Big Bear Lake, enjoying the clean smell of trees and wonderful green dreams.

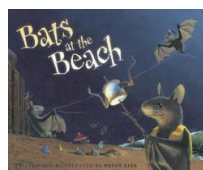


The Henry and Mudge series introduces the concept of chapters to young readers, and are full of words children can begin to recognize. Henry and Mudge's adventures are sure to bring giggles as you read these books together again and again. Look for more Henry and Mudge books at your local library.



2012 Summer Reading Illustrator:

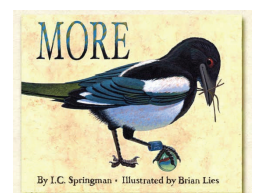
BRIAN LIES (rhymes with "cheese") has been chosen to provide the artwork for this year's children's summer reading theme. Mr. Lies has written and/or illustrated over 25 books. Look for some of these at your library:



Bats at the Beach
Bats at the Library
Bats at the Ballgame

New! Spring 2012: *More*, by I.C. Springman, illustrated by Brian Lies

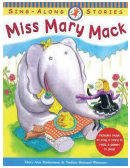
One magpie, lots of stuff, and a few friendly mice show us that less is more.



6 Early Literacy Skills

Each month since September *The Bookworm* has featured one of the Six Early Literacy skills that help your child become a reader:

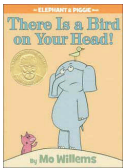
Phonological Awareness (sounds): Sing songs, play games, and share rhymes to help your child hear and play with the smaller sounds in words. Ask if two words rhyme, or clap syllables in words. Listen for words that have the same beginning or ending sound.



Letter Knowledge (ABC's): Point out letters and have your child name them. Play games like "I Spy" to help him learn the sounds that go with the letters. Make an alphabet book with your child.



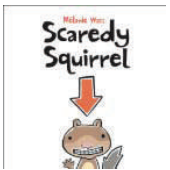
Narrative Skills (storytelling): Tell stories together and encourage pretend play. Help your child learn order: beginning, middle, ending. Ask him to re-tell or act out the story. Have him tell you about a picture he drew, or ask what is happening in the pictures of a book.



Vocabulary (words): Talk with your child about what is going on in the story, teach her the meaning of new words, and ask lots of questions about her world. Build words by reading information books together.



Print Awareness (using books): As you read with your child ask him to point out the front and back covers, title, author, and illustrator. Have him point to the beginning and ending of a sentence, as well as punctuation such as periods and question marks.



Print Motivation (loving books): Find books that match your child's interests and share them often. Encourage her to write notes and e-mails, or ask her to write a caption on her artwork.



Song to Sing with Your Child

"A Camping We Will Go"
(sung to *Farmer in the Dell*)

A camping we will go,
A camping we will go.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Rosa will bring the tent.
Oh Rosa will bring the tent.
Hi ho we're off to the woods
A camping we will go.



Henry will bring the food.
Oh Henry will bring the food.
Hi ho we're off to the woods
A camping we will go.

Continue with more items and children's names...

What your library can do for you...

Did your child like the books he/she received this year? How can we make the *Read to Me First Book* program better? Be sure to fill out your **First Book Parent Survey** and return it to your child's teacher or local librarian!

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