Tips for School Librarians

In the spring:

- Encourage the principal to invite the public librarian to make a presentation at a faculty meeting, a PTO meeting, or other parent or teacher gathering.
- Ask the principal to have a contest to see which class can have the highest participation in summer reading. Ask the PTO to sponsor a pizza party in the fall for the winning class.
- Make announcements over the loud speaker about summer reading.
- If you have a reader board, post a message about summer reading.
- Offer to write an article for the school newsletter promoting the public library’s summer reading program.
- Create a display for the school library promoting summer reading. You could include a poster or books related to summer reading. The slogan for 2010 is “Make a Splash– Read!”
- Host a Summer Reading Day at the school library. Invite the public librarian to make presentations to classes or to a school assembly. Encourage the principal to display your summer reading banner in a prominent location in your school. Consider hanging it in the library, the main hallway or near the principal’s office.

In the summer:

- Attend one public library summer reading program. Get the schedule from your public library and mark it on your summer calendar. Kids are excited to see their school librarian at the public library.

In the fall:

- Assist the principal in recognizing summer readers. Use scheduled events such as a school-wide assembly, Back to School Night, or create a special lunch with the principal.
- If you are participating in the Read for Your Library program, make receiving the $300 worth of books a big event.