



SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Examples of Activities

Here are some ways in which libraries and schools have partnered in the past.

In the Spring: Promotion

Combined staff and/or Parent Organizations

- School provides incentive if goal is reached
- School-wide contest to increase participation from last year, reward in fall
- Post a chart of each successive year's participation numbers, set school-wide goal
- Summer Reading Theme day (dress up, special events, food, etc.)
- School sends flyers home (paper or electronic)
- Poster contest w/theme- display posters at school, then at library over summer
- Family Event (BBQ, swim party, carnival, etc.), hosted by school (or school and library), sponsored by local business, library attends to register and provide info
- School staff (principal, teachers, librarian) collaborate with public librarian to plan reading incentives for SRP at library (smaller communities)
- Displays and decorations about summer reading/theme
- School webmaster posts summer reading events on school website, including links to library, library catalog, events, summer reading registration (also consider putting on District website)
- Teachers/staff/principal put on a play about summer reading
- Advertise summer reading on school marquee/reader board
- Include article in school newspaper
- Each class makes part of a special summer reading banner that will be displayed at the library
- Promote at Book Fair

Principal

- Promote during daily/weekly announcements to classes (intercom, video)
- Promote in parent newsletters
- Send personal notes to parents (smaller schools)
- Use of student call lines (automatic calls to each family from principal)
- Set up Reading Buddy program for over the summer
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School Librarian

- Celebration in library last week(s) of school
- Hand out info regarding registration, program schedule, library card applications
- Lunch and book talks
- Read themed books during last week(s) of school
- Customized reading logs, gameboards, record sheets with reward in fall for completion
- Glogster, Prezi, Animoto and other alternative presentations
- Utilize digital photo frames for booktalks, trailers, etc.
- Raffles with SRP registration

Teachers/Specialists

- Librarians give names of summer readers to teachers so they can compare IRI scores from spring to fall

- Promote program within classrooms- to kids, to parents
- Register students at parent-teacher conferences (spring)
- Intervention teams, Title I teachers, reading specialists work directly with families to register children
- Set up Reading Buddy program for over the summer
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Library/Access to Kids

- Library makes presentation to teachers and staff, parents
- Library table at recess last week or so of school, sign kids up
- Library table at parent-teacher conferences
- Library table and/or special activities during Family Reading or Math Night/Title I Night
- Library table/presentation at Track and Field Day, Science Fair, other end-of-year events
- Library includes summer reading registration information during kindergarten registration
- On-site registration
- Raffles with SRP registration
- Small libraries combine resources to promote to shared schools

In the Summer: Involvement

Combined staff and/or Parent Organizations

- Plan special “school social” days at library

Principal

- Attend summer library event(s)
- Be a guest reader

School Librarian

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Teachers/Specialists

- Attend summer library event(s)
- VISTA volunteers work with students at school or library
- Be a guest reader

Library/Access to Kids

- Library outreach during scheduled summer school
- Bookmobile visits school weekly over summer
- Bookmobile visits school weekly/monthly

In the Fall: Recognition

Combined staff and/or Parent Organizations

- Special event/lunch
- Publicize names of summer readers in school newsletter
- Names of summer readers on special display
- Publicize statistics of summer reading participation (for students, parents, teachers, administration, school board) on school bulletin board, website, newsletter, etc.

Principal

- Recognize students at assembly
- Lunch w/principal (or some other special treat)
- Publicize participation statistics on website or in district newsletter

School Librarian

- Recognize students at assembly
- Lunch w/librarian (or some other special treat)
- Ask summer reading participants to share about the books read and prizes earned
- Make special bookmarks with names of summer readers
- Display photos of summer reading programs and student participation on digital photo frame

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Library/Access to Kids

- Recognize students at assembly with certificates
- Recognize school staff who attended programs or starred as a guest reader
- Present school with their set of hardcover titles
- Make special bookmarks with names of summer readers

Year-Round Contact:

- Monthly storytimes (even in junior high)
- Attend staff meetings regularly
- Share booktrailers, etc. with school library- add public library's name
- Attend family events
- Attend special school events
- Family Reading Week partnerships
- Teacher events at library
- Teacher cards, courier service
- Use of library community room for school meetings, etc.
- Read-to-Dog programs at school
- Storytimes or programs in school library after school
- Promote Tumblebooks™ (to parents at events, or bookmark library's page on school computers)
- My First Books (kindergarten only)
- Read to Me Jumpstart (Kindergarten registration)
- Booth at Book Fairs
- Sports teams partnerships (Steelheads Hat Trick program, etc.)
- Reading programs or contests with local businesses

