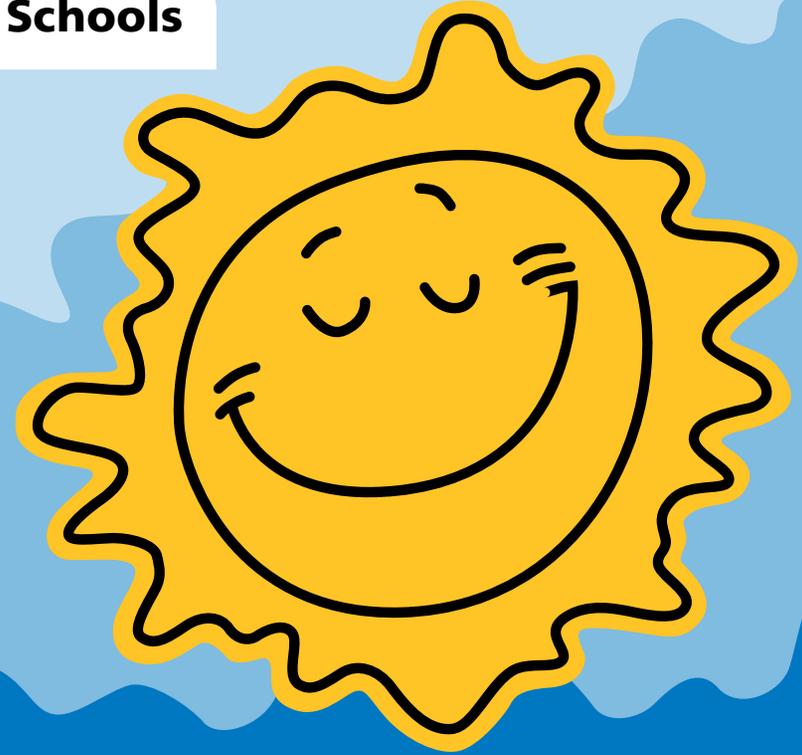


Tips for Schools



Our Summer Reading Dream

Every Idaho child has a library card, reads on grade level and attends summer reading!

Programs are adequately funded through public and private partnerships, including the facility, staff, incentives and collections.

Support Summer Reading!

Help kids get a head start
in the new school year.



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Research shows that children who read six or more books over the summer will maintain or increase their reading skills in the fall. We encourage school librarians and principals to work together to get students excited about summer reading at the public library.

In the spring:

- Invite the public librarian to make a presentation at a faculty meeting, a PTO meeting, or other parent or teacher gathering.
- 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 loudspeaker about summer reading.
- If you have a reader board, post a message about summer reading.
- 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.
- Host a Summer Reading Day. Invite the public librarian to make presentations to classes or to a school assembly.
- Display your summer reading materials in a prominent location in your school. Consider a display in 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 principal and school librarian at the public library.

In the fall:

- Recognize summer readers. Some schools use scheduled events such as a school-wide assembly or Back to School Night, and others invite summer readers to a special lunch with the principal.
- If you are participating in the Read for Your Library program, make receiving the \$200 worth of books a big event.

Want to make sure the summer reading program continues in your community? Please write a letter of support. These letters help to ensure that funding continues for summer reading in Idaho. Letters of support should be addressed to your public librarian and cover

- Why you think summer reading is important for kids;
- What your school will do to get kids interested in participating in summer reading;
- Why you are partnering with your public library this year.

