



# LOW HANGING FRUIT

## What to Read This Summer...

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Is your bedside to-be-read (TBR for those in the know) pile threatening to take over the bedroom, or are you struggling to find your next read? Summer is a great time to address both issues!

Overflowers, summer is the season of long evenings and, let's face it, reruns on TV. Perfect for reading, especially when it involves reading new summer titles, not reducing the TBR pile at all.



Perhaps you are a good time manager and have no such pile. If you are at loose ends when it comes to your next reading adventure, you are in luck! There are reading programs, book lists, and fun challenges for grown-ups at local public libraries. Here is a sampling:

- Extreme book challenges are all the rage. The library sets a list of categories, and people choose books that fit the category. Read books for all the categories and win a fun prize and bragging rights.
- Adults don't have to miss out on the fun of Summer Reading at many of Idaho's public libraries. From North to South to East, local public libraries offer adult summer reading programs. Check out your local library's offerings on their website.
- Embrace the beach read! Whether your idea of a beach read is a project read or brain candy, dive in! (Pun intended). [Find a few beach read suggestions here!](#)
- DIY'ers can use online reading trackers, and readers that use Goodreads can get suggestions from friends who post there.

Remember, reading over the summer is nearly as important for you as it is for your students. Both groups should use summer to read whatever they like and immerse themselves in the magic of a good story.



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### LINKS TO MORE LEARNING



#### Collaborative Summer Learning Program

Do you know where all the cool summer reading themes come from? There is a national organization that develops the themes, artwork, and other resources for libraries all over the country—CSLP.

<https://www.csllpreads.org/>

#### Benefits of Reading for Pleasure as an Adult

Think it's not so important to read after you're grown up? This article may make you reconsider.

<https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-reading-books>

### PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS



#### Access the IDEA Collection at School

The Idaho Commission for Libraries manages a collection of ebooks and eaudiobooks that is available for free to all Idaho schools. School districts join to Idaho Digital Ebook Alliance at no cost and their staff and students have more than 20,000 titles to choose from, including nearly 700 titles in Spanish, in an ever-growing collection. Get all the information and take a look at what's available at <https://libraries.idaho.gov/idea/>.

### DIGITAL TOOLS



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