

Exciting opportunities for reading over the summer!


We are so excited to present all of our manatees with an awesome summer reading opportunity! This summer students can keep reading, reading, reading and earn prizes at the beginning of school next year!

This summer you can visit our Southeast Branch library and take AR quizzes any day that they are open! See Ms. Kristine or Ms. Alex in the Youth Services department and they will get you started.



And...on Tuesdays the computer lab at Mason will be open for you to take AR quizzes from 9:00-noon ! Call 904.547.8440 with questions.

You can find more information about quizzing, summer reading ideas and your child's reading log attached to this brochure.

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Read. 

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◆ at least 1 quiz passed with at least a 90%=sticker



◆ at least 3 quizzes passed with 90% average = tropical tattoo



◆ at least 5 quizzes passed with 90% average =saying bracelet




◆ 7 or more quizzes passed with 90% average =sunglasses



AND...

MINECRAFT

All students can log reading minutes each day this summer and be entered to win a Minecraft item gift basket AND then get to attend a popsicle party with Ms. Dixon!

Take quizzes.
Earn prizes.
Be COOL. 


Mason Summer Reading

with the Southeast Branch of the St. Johns County Public Library and Renaissance Learning



Take AR quizzes this summer, fill up your reading log and earn prizes!

Monday-Saturday
at the Southeast Branch Library
Tuesdays at Mason

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Helping your child build comprehension

Children learn when they make connections between what they hear and what they know.

One method parents can use to help make these connections is called a *think aloud*, where you talk through your thoughts as you read. Here are three ways to use *think alouds*, with examples from some of our favorite kids' books:

1. **Connect the book to your child's own life experience** *Example: A River Dream* by Allen Say "This book reminds me of the time my father took me fishing. Do you remember the time we went fishing?"
2. **Connect the book to other books they have read.** *Example: Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe Say, "This story reminds me of *Cinderella*. Both stories are about sisters. Do you know any other stories about nice and mean sisters? Let's keep reading to find out other ways the stories are similar."
3. **Connect the book to big ideas/lesson.** *Example: Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon Say, "This story helps me understand that we are all the same in many ways, but it's our differences that make us special."

from *Reading Aloud to Build Comprehension* by Judith Gold and Akimi Gibson (2001)
published on the Reading Rockets website

Check out Reading Rockets' **Books and Authors** section for great read-aloud books:

www.readingrockets.org.



Parent AR quizzing tips:

Have your child take a quiz on the book soon after finishing it to increase the average number of questions that they will answer correctly.

Make sure your child isn't trying to read books independently that are too hard for them. If they can read most of the words on the first page on their own, then that is probably a good fit book for them to read on their own.

Looking for more information about how AR works?

Parent Guide to Accelerated Reader

<http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R003985016GG79F2.pdf>

Looking to see if a book has a quiz? Go to:

AR Bookfinder
<http://www.arbookfind.com>

Southeast Branch Information

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10am-8pm
Wednesday, Friday: 10am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: Closed

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summer reading matters...be COOL about it.



Research suggests that the average student loses about a month of learning in the summer. You can help by reading each day with your child over the summer. Join us in fighting summer learning loss! Encourage your child to read across a variety of genres: fantasy/sci-fi, historical fiction, biographies, informational books and poetry. Need help finding books in these genres? Check out the sites below or go to:

Reading Rockets

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/36295>

and read more about each reading genre.

Need a recommended reading list? Try these sites.

These sites have great suggestions for readers of all ages and interest levels.

PBS Parents Book Finder: <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/bookfinder/>

Scholastic Book Search
<http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>

Reading Rockets Themed Booklists
<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>

and for those hard to please boy readers:

Guys Read

<http://www.guysread.com>

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