



Reading Public Schools English Learner Department



MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

New EL Website!

The English Learner (EL) Department is proud to introduce our new website!

<https://www.reading.k12.ma.us/departments/english-learner/>

You will find fun English games and activities for kids, information about our EL program, and resources for adults like ideas to help your child in school, community activities, adult English classes, and immigration support.

Let us know what you think!



Summer Fun in the Town of Reading

Summer is a great time for getting involved in the community, trying new things, and having fun! Here are some family-friendly activities around town this summer. Most are free!

Reading Public Library

Free activities for all ages:

<http://www.readingpl.org>

Museum passes:

<http://www.readingpl.org/service/museumpasses/>



Adult English Learner- Conversation Group:

Most Tuesdays- History Rm. 7 pm

<http://libcal.readingpl.org/event/3442754>

Reading Recreation- Summer programs and activities, plus more information about the free events below.

<https://readingma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>

Free Concerts on the Common:

Sundays 6:00-7:30 (starting in July)

Free Theater on the Green- Children's Performances:

Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 (starting in July)

IMPORTANT DATES

Mid-June- ACCESS Scores, progress reports, and other EL paperwork sent home

Mon. June 17- Last Day of School
(Half day- 11 am)

Summer Learning

Research shows that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress. Encourage your child to read and write in English and your first language this summer with the awesome online resources below and these great strategies (adapted from ReadingRockets.com):



- Visit the Reading Public Library! Enter the summer reading program, check out books in English and other languages (can be requested from other area libraries), and attend free events.
- Audiobooks are a great way to engage readers and can introduce students to books above their reading level. Reading Public Library has audiobooks available for check out or look online for sites, including loyalbooks.com, that offer free audio books for children.
- Take some photos or cut out pictures from a magazine or the newspaper and then encourage your child to write a silly caption for each photo.
- Encourage your child to keep a summer journal. Your child can write about the day, write imaginative stories, or track interesting things like the number of times you can swing in one minute. Be creative!

ONLINE RESOURCES

- [Reading Public Library Digikids](http://www.readingpl.org/kids/digikids/) (www.readingpl.org/kids/digikids/) A great place to start for all different online book resources.
- [International Children's Digital Library](http://childrenslibrary.org) (childrenslibrary.org) An amazing collection of international children's books available to read online in their original languages. The collection includes over 4,000 books in 59 languages!
- [Unite for Literacy](http://www.uniteforliteracy.com) (www.uniteforliteracy.com) An online library of English and Spanish children's books. Users can choose a language for narration and click on each page to have it read aloud in that language.
- [Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9) (http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9). Children in grades 1-6 can earn a free book by reading 8 books this summer and completing a reading log.
- [Teach Your Monster to Read!](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com) (www.teachyourmonstertoread.com) A fun video game that helps children practice phonics and site word skills. The computer version is free. The app for phones, ipads, and tablets is \$4.99.
- [Summer Writing Ideas!](http://imaginationssoup.net/2015/05/19/summer-writing-ideas-for-kids/) (imaginationssoup.net/2015/05/19/summer-writing-ideas-for-kids/) A wonderful list of ideas to inspire your child to write this summer.
- [Adventures in Summer Learning](http://www.readingrockets.org/shows/launching/summer_reading) (www.readingrockets.org/shows/launching/summer_reading) This movie offers suggestions for parents about how to create a summer full of learning.

To translate the videos on these sites, click on: settings/subtitles/auto-translate/ choose language

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