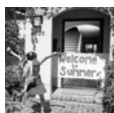




Summer Slide....

The Impact of Summer Learning Loss

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Summer reading setback....

- Students who return to school after summer vacation with diminished reading skills, presumably from a lack of enough reading practice.



What does the research say?

- Research going back as far as 1906 documents summer learning loss.
- Often cited Barbara Heyns (1978) found that public libraries played an important role in the reading achievement of sixth and seventh graders....

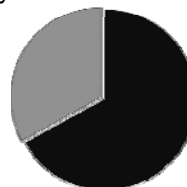
- Many low income students may make great strides in academic skills during the school year, only to see their gains slip away over the summer break.
- Low income and minority students experience larger summer reading losses than their middle-class and white classmates.



- Low-income include kids lose two to three months in reading proficiency every summer...
- ...and it is cumulative.....
 - Every three years they can fall a year behind middle-class kids.
 - By grade 9 the reading achievement gap can be three to four years wide.



- 65% of the achievement gap in reading of ninth graders can be traced to a lack of summer enrichment and learning opportunity.



- What happens to your school's AYP when low-income students lose as much as three months of their reading proficiency every summer?



Connect the dots...

- Research demonstrates the relationship between access to reading materials and the amount of reading kids do.
- Research demonstrates the relationship between the volume of reading and reading proficiency.



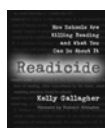
- One study suggests that summer reading loss can be prevented if students read 4 to 5 books over the summer (Kim, 2004).



- But wait.....it may not be quite that simple!
- Results of some studies reveal that for younger children who are still learning to decode and read fluently, the support of an "intermediary" is important.



- "If we are serious about preventing summer reading loss, then we have to get serious about discussing how we motivate our students to read over the summer."



Kelly Gallagher
Readicide: How Schools Are Killing Reading and What You Can Do About It
 (Stenhouse, 2009)

To the rescue....



What can school librarians do to help address this problem??



- What efforts could you lead that would cost nothing beyond the resources your school currently has?



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- What could you do with some additional funding?
 - If I had \$??, I would be able to ?????



- What are some possible sources of funding?



- What challenges would you face?
- How would you try to overcome them?



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Starts April 30, 2010

<http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/index.htm>

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The Scholastic Summer Challenge is your home for summer reading, with content especially for you:

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- curriculum ideas and book talks
- expert literacy advice
- summer kits and free downloadables
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- resources for Spanish-language speakers

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Where: Broadcast right into your classroom
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The Calendar is a project of the South Carolina State Library, working in partnership with many agencies and organizations, and primarily funded by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

<http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-day-by-day-calendar>

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Read this summer!!

Check out the Summer Slide wiki for links to sites mentioned in the PPT slides and for the bibliographies on research related to summer learning loss and practical ideas for promoting summer reading.



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NOTE is a Summer Reading and Learning initiative that offers teaching strategies, professional readings, and related resources on the issue of summer reading and learning.

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