

Dear RCPS Families,

Summer is almost here and during this time, we want students to find an escape in reading books! This summer, Rockdale County Public Schools has made it a priority to keep our students engaged in reading by implementing a Summer Reading Challenge. We are excited to share the theme for this summer's reading challenge ***"Rockdale Reads: Launching into Literacy."*** To provide opportunities for our students to experience learning leaps and collaborate with peers over the summer, the RCPS Summer Reading Challenge encourages students to develop daily reading habits. The suggested reading time for this challenge is 20 minutes a day for students in grades 6-12. Students are **required** to record the number of minutes read on the Summer Reading Log for their assigned grade level novel. Students are also **required** to select one of the engagement activities to complete prior to returning to school in August.

In partnership with our local library and our district media specialists, students will have digital access to a variety of reading materials including novels, magazines, and audio books of their choice to support the RCPS Summer Reading Challenge. When choosing books, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy, and that they match your child's age, interests, and abilities.

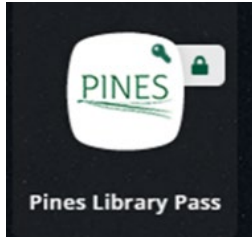
We look forward to seeing just how many minutes our students can log over the summer months. Students who rise to the challenge of ***"launching into literacy"*** by participating in the Summer Reading Challenge will be recognized on the school level, as well as the district level for meeting summer reading goals. The completed Summer Reading Log and selected engagement activity should be turned in to your student's English Language Arts teacher during the first two weeks of the upcoming school year.

The benefits of RCPS' summer reading program:

- Students are motivated to read and develop positive attitudes about reading.
- Students maintain their reading skills during summer vacation.
- Students have a choice to select what they want to read.

For more information on the Summer Reading Guidelines, please visit our district website or contact Dr. Sha'Ronda McRae, Coordinator for Language & Literacy (smcrae@rockdale.k12.ga.us).

Available through Nancy Guinn Library and participating PINES Library Partners:



STEP 1: Register for a Library Card

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STEP 2: Access Free Online Resources through Conyers Rockdale Library website: conyersrockdalelibrary.org

- **Book Collection: Nonfiction** - Nonfiction book chapters for students
- **eBook K-8 Collection (EBSCO)** - eBooks, multidisciplinary
- **[eBook High School Collection \(EBSCO\)](#)** - eBooks, multidisciplinary
- **NoveList Plus** - Fiction and nonfiction book recommendations
- **[WorldCat](#)** - eBooks, multidisciplinary

Additional online reading resources:



- **READCamp** [Register for READCamp](#) (for students in grades 6-8 ONLY)
- www.gutenberg.org - Gutenberg Press has over 60,000 e-books to choose from-
- <https://openlibrary.org/> - digital library

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