MAD for READING

Summer 2026

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www.mmsd.org/madforreading

Get Ready to Go Mad for Reading This Summer!

This summer, we're turning up the volume on literacy with Mad for Reading—a citywide celebration of stories, imagination and community! Along with our community partners, MMSD invites families to explore exciting reading resources, activities and events designed to spark joy and strengthen literacy for all ages. Whether it's through book giveaways, summer challenges, or family storytimes, there's something for every reader. Let's keep our students turning pages and building skills all summer long!

Log onto the Mad for Reading App to find engaging reading activities and log your summer reading journey!

MMSD is also piloting a literacy based Summer Semester program in four community centers. East Madison Community Center, Bayview Foundation, Theresa Terrace, and Northport/Packers Community Learning Center are combining half a day of learning and literacy with a half day of summer camp all summer long! Other community centers and summer programs are also partnering with MPL and Madison Reading Project to make sure kids in their program have access to literacy!

Hit the Road with Madison Public Library & WE READ

WE READ is the Madison Public Library's annual program, where you can connect through:

- **Free summer programs** for kids of all ages, including babies & toddlers!
- **Storytimes! Art! Music! Cooking! Writing! Playing! Reading!**

WE READ Map available at any Madison Public Library or on the Dream Bus. Set your summer reading goals and start the adventure!

For all of the details, visit madpl.org/weread

MSCR's On the Move

Check out MSCR activities this summer, like:

- **Clay on The Move**
- **Play on the Move**
- **Art Cart**

And other free programs in parks around Madison

Find all the details at mscr.org/programs/free-mobile/

WE READ Youth Voices

Youth 18 and under are invited to enter a Writing Contest for the opportunity to get published and to **win up to $500 in cash prizes** thanks to support from the Madison Public Library Foundation.

The library accepts submissions in English, Spanish, Hmong and other languages. Writing can be in the form of short stories, songs, poems, comics, graphic novels and more.

Contest Dates: May 1 - June 30
Ages: 18 and under
2026 Theme: Community in Action
2026 Youth Ambassador: Octavia Ikard (Madison's Youth Poet Laureate)
Learn more at: madpl.org/youthvoices

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Summer Reading Resources

MMSD Online Resources

In the purple Library Resources Folder in Classlink, you will find many online reading resources. Content is available in English and Spanish.

- **Sora** - ebooks & audiobooks in English and Spanish
- **MakeMake** - ebooks & interactive books, all in Spanish

Madison Public Library

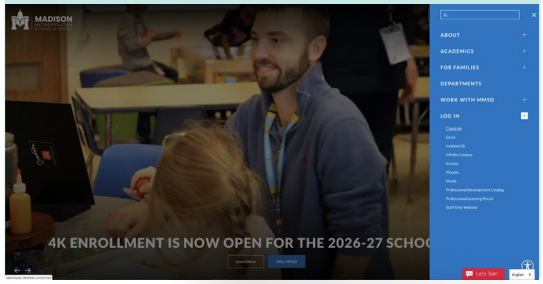
- **Libby** - the public library version of Sora has even more books available with a public library card!
- **ComicsPlus** - 24/7 access (no holds, no waiting) to the best comics, manga, and graphic novels, available with a public library card.

Summer Online Access

You can get to MMSD Online Resources from a school Chromebook, a phone, or a home or public library computer.

1. Go to mmsd.org
2. Click Log in, then Classlink
3. Enter your username and password

Scan the QR code for video directions



Dive Into a Great Book

Reading Lists:

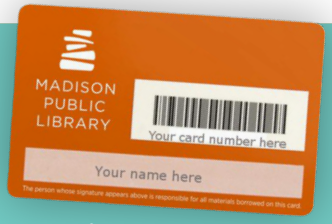
- Mad for Reading
  mmsd.org/madforreadding
- Madison Public Library
  madpl.org/lists
- CCBC
  ccbc.education.wisc.edu/booklists
- ALSC
  ala.org/alsc/summer-2025
- In Classlink:
  - TeachingBooks
  - Sora Collections: Try one of the "Always Available" collections!
- Librarian's Picks
  madpl.org/librarianspicks

Where can I check out books this summer?

Local Public Libraries

The public library has many resources for kids. Library cards are free and many public libraries don't charge fines for overdue books!

Find your closest library at: madpl.org/locations
Heads up! You may live closer to another city's library!



Get a Library Card:
Your Ticket to Adventure!
Your Madison Public Library, Card is good at many area libraries- Monona, Sun Prairie, McFarland, DeForest, Fitchburg and more! **You can apply online at madpl.org/apply**

Dream Bus

The Dream Bus is a mobile library that visits a dozen locations throughout the Madison area five days a week year round. At the Dream Bus, you can get a library card, browse and check out materials, return items, place and pick up holds, and use the free WiFi. Find the summer schedule at: madpl.org/dreambus

MMSD Summer Semester

Going to summer school? MMSD Libraries at Summer Semester sites will be open for summer students to check out books and a school librarian will be available to help you pick books. Madison Reading Project will also visit each site for a book giveaway for summer students!