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Summer Reading/Writing Activities

- Make a “What I Want to Read This Summer” booklist.
- Research your city and state. Find free activities and go try them out. Write about your experiences. Read books connected to these places or these activities.
- Start a journal, the kind that you keep everything in from phone numbers to ideas to personal thoughts and creative writing.
- Check out a plants book at the library and go visit a conservatory.
- Take your journal to different places in the city and write about what you see. I. E. The Stratosphere, Red Rock, the mall, a park, the Strip, outside your front door...
- Make a summer scrapbook. Don't forget the journaling!
- Write letters to a pen pal.
- Form or join a book club.
- Read a book that you would not normally choose.
- Read something from each genre.
- Take a book and a journal with you everywhere. You never know when you will be waiting around.
- Read books about meteor showers and view the Persieds Meteor Shower around the 12th of August.
- Check out constellations books from the library and sleep outside to stargaze.
- Read books related to your summer vacation. Journal or make a scrapbook about your trip.
- Begin a collection and research it. I. E. Bugs, rocks, leaves etc. Document your collection.



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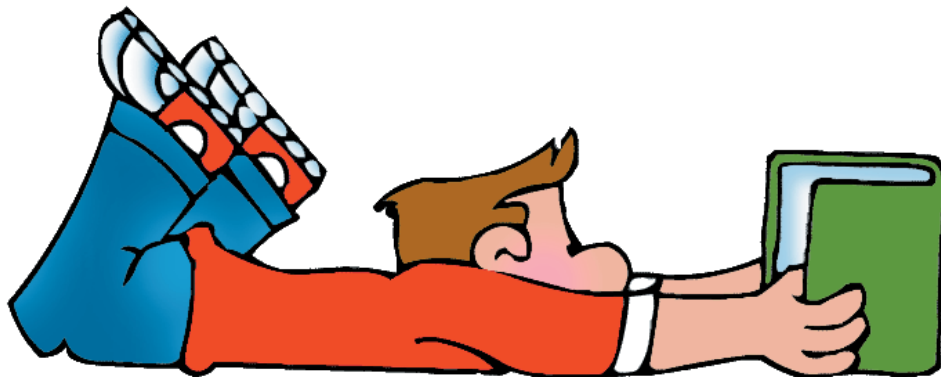
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- Visit your local library. They have many activities for all ages from author visits to story times to free concerts.
- Write notes to your siblings or parents.
- Enter a writing contest. There are many online. One site is www.amazing-kids.org
- Visit www.pbs.org there are activities and ideas for parents and teachers.
- Keep track of how many minutes, hours, pages or books you read. Set goals for yourself. The same can be done with writing.
- Read a book and then check out the movie at the library. I. E. Charlotte's Web or Sarah, Plain and Tall.
- At the end of the summer, write about what you loved or didn't like about this summer.
- Read to your younger siblings or a younger neighbor.
- Volunteer somewhere and write about it.
- Go on a nature walk and record your findings. Use descriptive words.
- Write an In Case of Emergency plan with your family.
- Write a poem about the weather.

Booklists

- The Las Vegas Clark County Library District has a comprehensive website that includes calendars of their activities as well as reading lists from many schools in the city. www.lvcclld.org
- The New York Public Library system has several booklists organized by content, theme and ages. www.nypl.org
- Read Write Think has book lists as well as summer activities organized by age. www.readwritethink.org



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