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Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



Director's Notes....

June 2018 Director's Notes....

As a parent, are you familiar with the term “summer slide”? The term is defined as the importance of reading over the summer. Summer slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the school year. Scholastic has provided us with three ways to prevent the summer slide:

1. Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing.
2. Read something every day: Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read. Find them throughout the day: newspaper, tv guides, comics, online resources, etc.
3. Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child cannot, so she will build listening comprehension skills with

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reads on her own.

Additional information can be found at [here](#).

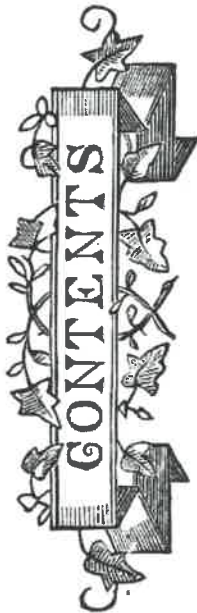
Don't forget to read 20 minutes a day with your child! Happy Reading!

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at least 20 minutes every day.

Spend time **cooking** together.



Explore different kinds of **reading material** like picture books, chapter books, and magazines.

Make use of your **local library**.



Listen to **audio books** on summer car trips.

Read aloud with your children daily.



Review skills with fun, hands-on review activities.

Engage in **meaningful conversation** and help build your child's vocabulary.



Enjoy a **new hobby!**

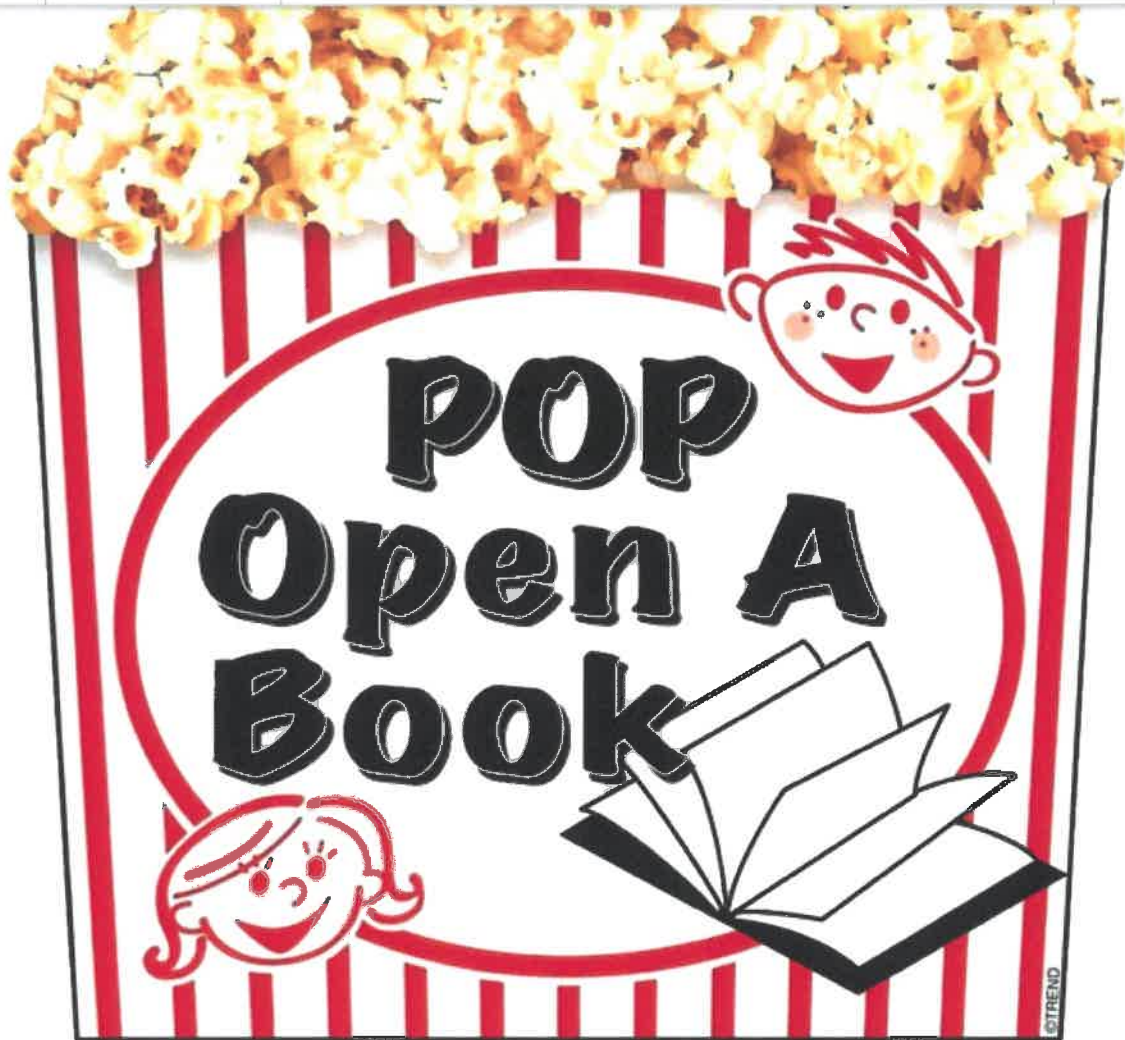
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Learn more about these great ideas at
<http://blog.AllAboutLearningPress.com/summer-slide>

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Libraries Rock! Participants of all ages are invited to make reading a special part of their summer by joining the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library 2018 SummerRead program. The SummerRead activities will revolve around the music theme: LIBRARIES ROCK. Events to be held throughout the summer will include programs and prizes for children, teens and adults. SummerRead begins June 1 and will run through July 28. The SummerREAD kick-off was held on Monday, June 4th. Over 1,000 adults, children and teens are already signed up. Register at the Main Library, Arlington Branch, or the Bookmobile. A special event featuring, Jim Cruise, the “Spoon Man” will be held on June 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The Spoon Man made it to the second round on the hit show, America’s Got Talent. His show, “Catch the Rhythm of Reading” will be held under the skylight in the Adult Services Department. The Spoon Man will perform with household tablespoons with a sing-a-long competition, rock-n-roll and rap music impressions. He will challenge students to read 15 minutes per day and will include audience participation in this exciting, wholesome family program. The Ohio SummerRead Program is a statewide effort by local library systems to promote reading to citizens of all ages. For a complete list of SummerRead events, please visit www.findlaylibrary.org.

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Celebrate with us this Saturday in Findlay!
BOGO specials, games & more...all in support of an amazing local literacy organization

Carnival games, a coloring contest, and buy-one-get-one specials will highlight Shirley's Birthday Celebration on Saturday, June 16!

The annual celebration is hosted at our Findlay store located at 1042 Interstate Ct. and we're donating 100% of sales to the [The Clubhouse at the University of Findlay!](#)

Promotions planned for the day include:

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Crafts, games, and **free books** from The Clubhouse

Raffle prizes

All proceeds to benefit The Clubhouse at the University of Findlay (All Day)

100% of sales donated to The Clubhouse at the University of Findlay

BOGO bags (equal or lesser value, limit two free)

FREE theatre style popcorn for all customers

Northview Summer Library
Wednesdays
9:00am-12:00pm
 *Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mark your calendars!
June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
July 11th, 18th, 25th

Fun Activities!
 FCS students can check out books
 Computers & iPads
 Coloring
 STEM activities
 Chances to win books!

Special Guest programs each week at 10:00am!

JUNE	JULY
June 6 – Mrs. Brooks, Donnell Librarian	(NO Summer Library July 4 th)
June 13 – Findlay-Hancock County Public Library	July 11 – Smarty Pants Findlay
June 20 – Mrs. Lloyd, Bigelow Hill Librarian	July 18 – Hancock Park District
June 27 – Mazza Museum	July 25 – Mr. Payne – Popcorn Party (all day!)



Who wants to read to a furry friend? The Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County would like to announce the Happy Tales Summer Reading Program. Happy Tales kicks off June 1, 2018 and ends August 4, 2018. There are select days and times during the week Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The reading increments are 20-30 mins, but children can sign up for multiple spots.

Call the Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County for more information: 419.423.1664 ext. 24



Resolve to Read

Just like creating a New Year's Resolution, have you thought about creating a resolution for you and your children over summer break? Can you commit to doing one (or more) of the following items?

1. Read 15-20 minutes each day.

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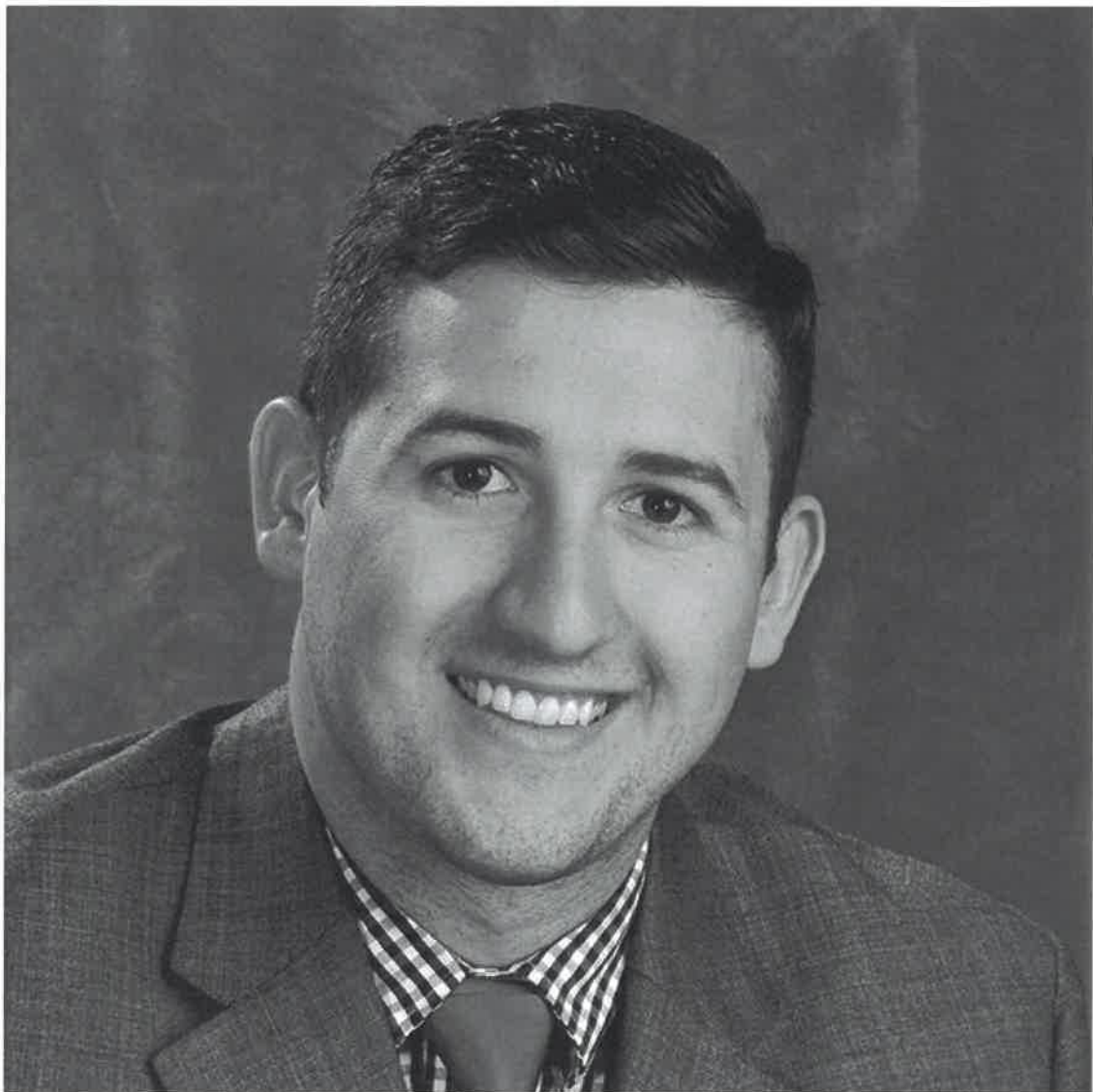
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4. Sign up to read aloud to a child in a school once per week.
5. Volunteer to help an adult improve reading skills.
6. Complete the '1000 Books Before Kindergarten' app with a young child in your life.



**Literacy Coalition
Board Member
Spotlight**



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Why did you join the Literacy Coalition? To serve the community, in an outside the box way

Why are you passionate about literacy? I believe being literate is one of the most important things we can pass on. Without literacy it would be hard doing a lot of things!

Favorite books: Tuesday's with Morrie and The Bible

What other community organizations are you involved in? Blanchard Valley Center Board Member, Lion's Club Van Buren, and Morning Rotary: Flag City

Fun Fact: I have my high school's bowling record at 235...It was our first year of having a bowling team

CHECK OUT

The Literacy Coalition of Hancock County's Parent Partner Videos



Parent Partner Videos (Ages 0-4)

The Literacy Coalition of Hancock County wants to partner with parents of preschoolers to help both parents and children get the most out of their reading time together, while still making reading fun! Each video focuses on a variety of tips for reading with your child. It is never too early to start reading to a child.

Did you know... while many adults may consider a child's behavior during reading as "uninterested" because they cannot sit still, it is likely that your child is **STILL** listening to you while you read and absorbing the words.

Does your child have a favorite book they want to read over and **OVER** again? **Did you know...** this is good for the child! It boosts their vocabulary and comprehension and eventually they will pretend to read the book from memorization.

We encourage you to read 20 minutes a day with your child!

We hope you enjoy our Parent Partner videos and learn something along the way.

Visit our website at HancockLiteracy.org and click on 'Parent Partner Videos'.

We have videos for school age children as well!

Check out our 'Habits of a Good Reader' page on our website.



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Hancock County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 2,185

Graduates – 1,166

Total Children reached since 9/2014 – 3,350

Total Books mailed since 9/2014 – 60,818

Sponsor a DPIL Child for just \$25



Do you or someone you know struggle with reading? Let us help!

Please contact us 419.422.7525 or email us at

Director.LiteracyCoalition@HancockESC.org

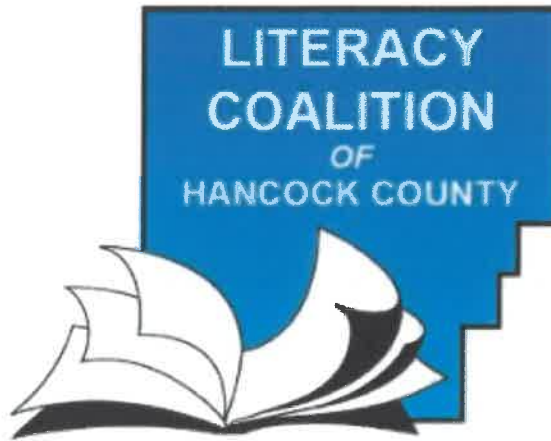
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