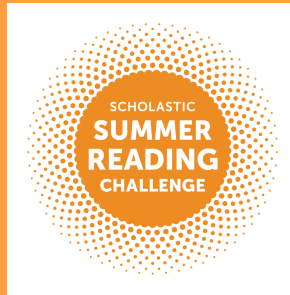


## Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

The Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is a free, online reading program dedicated to stopping the "summer slide" and inspiring students to read every day throughout the summer months.



How can you participate in the this years challenge? Beginning on May 7, students can log onto the site at [scholastic.com/summer](http://scholastic.com/summer) and record their reading minutes. Students are encouraged to log minutes through September 7. This year's theme is "A Magical Summer of Reading." The top school in each state that has logged the most reading minutes will be named the "Best in State" School and will receive a prize package and recognition.



### Libraries Rock!

Pinellas County Public Libraries are a great place to access free educational and cultural enrichment activities and programs. Armed with a library card, children can explore new

places, meet new people, and make new discoveries. Visit your local library branch to check out the recommended book titles on our website.

Each library location has activities planned all summer long for students of all ages. In addition to borrowing books, kids can participate in reading clubs, story hours, puppet shows, and other fun family activities. For more information or to find a location near you, check out the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative website at [www.ppic.us](http://www.ppic.us) or <http://www.pinellascounty.org/library.htm>.



## Just Read, Florida Promotes Reading

Join Florida's First Lady Ann Scott and the Florida Department of Education in the 2018 Summer Literacy Adventure. Students are challenged to read as many books as possible throughout the summer break. Following the summer break, the top 10 schools with the highest percentage of participation will be recognized and the school whose students read the most books will receive a surprise visit from First Lady Ann Scott.

Additional resources can be found at:

The Just Read, Florida! website provides a list of suggested summer reading selections as well as tips for helping children with reading skills at home. <http://fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/>

The Sunshine State Young Reader Awards Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. <http://www.floridamediaed.org/>



### Visit the PCS website:

There you will find more literacy suggestions, community literacy activities, summer recommended book lists, information about the summer book bus and the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge! Find us at [www.pcsb.org/summerreading](http://www.pcsb.org/summerreading)

**Thank you** to our community partners for making many of the Summer Reading Initiatives possible:



## Pinellas County Schools Shares Summer Reading Programs

Pinellas County Schools encourages students to read, read, read all summer long. This brochure was created to guide families by finding ways to help students engage in summer reading. Many of the initiatives highlighted also provide incentives. We hope this information helps encourage the joy of literacy!



## Reading With myON!

Join Pinellas County Schools and myON for the "Read on the Go" summer reading initiative. Research recommends students read 8-10 books over the summer. myOn provides a personalized literacy environment to engage students at all levels with the largest integrated library of digital books with reading supports, customized to students' individual interests and reading level. With myON, each student will have access to a personalized library of over 6,000 digital books! To learn more log in to myON through Clever today!

**READ ON THE GO!**  
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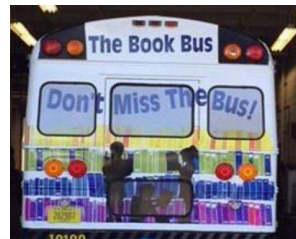
## Score Bucs Tickets for Reading



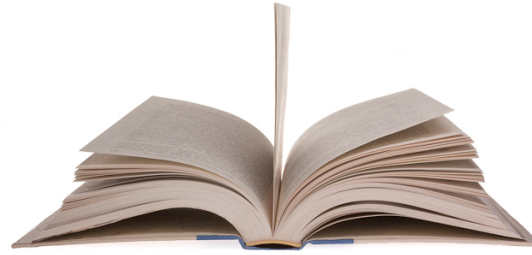
The Tampa Bay Buccaneers organization wants to reward reading this summer. The top 25 readers on myON during June, July and August will receive 2 tickets to a Buc's home game and an on-field photo. The top 250 readers will receive a set of Buc's

headphones. Don't miss out on your chance to be at the top of your reading game and cheer the Buccaneers on this fall!

## Around Town with the Book Bus



The Pinellas County Schools Book Bus will be on the road this summer with the myON Street Team to distribute donated books throughout the community. The bus will stop at every site during Summer Bridge. Students will self-select books they can keep and read. For more information on specific dates and locations, check out our Summer Bridge website.



## Get in the Reading Game!

Reading opens up a world of new adventures and sparks our imagination. Summer reading also helps students maintain their reading skills for the next school year. It prevents what researchers call the "summer reading slide." Experts agree that children who do not read can slide backward significantly during the summer months.

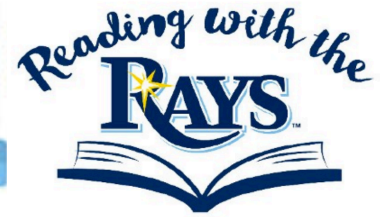
To prevent summer reading loss, children should engage in literacy activities all summer long. Children can read anything that interests them: books, magazines, e-books, comics, newspapers, recipes, even the closed captioning option on the television! You could also try these:

### Reading ideas:

- Visit the bookstore
- Listen to books while driving
- Take turns reading
- Find fun places to read
- Swap books with a friend
- Go book shopping at a thrift store
- Read books, then watch the movie version and compare
- Start a book club with friends
- Have a "summer reading" night
- Read to younger brothers or sisters
- Go to the public library
- Try starting a book talk

### Links to other summer reading resources:

- Scholastic News
- Oprah's Book Club for Children
- Highlights for Kids
- Funbrain.com
- Time for Kids
- Mrs.P's.com
- The Reading Planet
- PBS for Kids
- Starfall.com
- Storylineonline
- Jumpstart.com
- Reading Rockets
- Read Write Think



Reading with the Rays encourages students to spend 24 hours reading over the summer. They can choose books from a local library or read one section of the newspaper for the summer. Students track hours on a scorecard they obtain at the library. The more they read, the farther they go around the card's bases. Rewards range from a Rays gear to two tickets to a Rays home game. Find out more at <http://tampabay.rays.mlb.com/tb/community/reading.jsp>



### Barnes & Noble Summer Reading

Kids Earn Free Books. Here is how:

1. Read any eight books and record them in the Barnes and Noble Reading Journal, which can be found online or in stores.
2. Bring the completed Reading Journal to your local Barnes and Noble store.
3. Choose a FREE BOOK from the selection on the Barnes and Noble Reading Journal list or at the store.

