

Get Ready to Blast Off!



Summer Learning programs are about to start at libraries across North Carolina. Children and adults who participate in Summer Learning programs have reported positive benefits...

94% of survey respondents felt their child **maintained or increased their reading level** and

86% said their child was a **more confident reader and choose to read more often** after participating in the Summer Learning program at their local library.

90% of teens and adults reported **learning something new** from reading or participating in a Summer Learning event.

But Summer Learning is more than reading...

Last summer, libraries offered

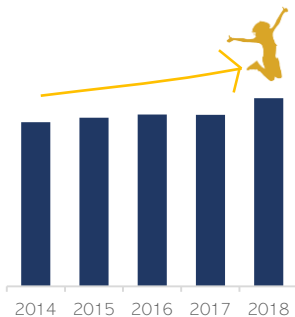
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events which were attended by



691,041

children and their families or caregivers.

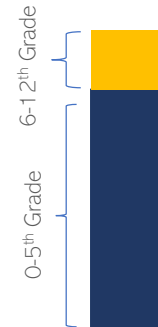


Participation in Summer Learning programs has **increased 15%** over 5 years!



Research indicates that children need to **read at least 20 minutes a day to maintain skill level** over the summer months.

| Facts about NC Youth & Reading Achievement | |
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| | 2,203,346 or 21% of North Carolinians are age 0-18 |
| | 21% of NC children live in poverty and nearly 60% of students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program |
| | 6 out of 10 fourth graders read below proficient levels and that number jumps to nearly 7 out of 10 by eighth grade |
| | Research shows that low-income children lose up to three months of reading skills over summer while wealthier children see an increase |



66 million

minutes were read by Summer Learning participants last year which is equal to 405 minutes per participant.