

## **Monthly** Newsletter



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# **SUMMER READING IDEAS** FOR KIDS

- Find a great summer reading program for your children at your local public library.
- Join Reading is Fundamental online on a summer reading "road" trip. You can create a road trip brochure, bingo card, and a map. https://www.rif.org/summer
- Read interactive storybooks online. https://www.kidtopia.info/stories.html
- Check out the recommended reading lists for different age levels from Reading Rockets. https://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer
- Read a book every day to your children. Or have your children read books to each other, for the sheer pleasure of reading.
- Have your children listen to a book online or from Audible.com. Listening to a book is just as wonderful as reading!

#### FOR ADULTS

- Ioin Goodreads and discover new authors and titles for your summer reading. You can also keep a record of your reading including what you are currently reading and what you want to read. https://www.goodreads.com
- Check out FREE e-books all summer from your public library on your Kindle, iPad, Nook, etc. (Of course, you can check out printed books as well.) Ask a friendly librarian for help.

#### Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers from Apache Junction, Arizona! We are happy you are using Infotopia.info, VirtualLRC.com, Infotrek.info, Kidtopia.info and Kidtopiafacts.com for your research needs!

## SUMMER READING IDEAS

### **FOR ADULTS** continued.....

- Join a book club in person or online. Better yet, create an in-person or online book club with friends. Many public libraries have sets of books set aside for this purpose.
- Sign up for the summer reading program for adults at your local public library. (They usually have prizes!)
- Sign up for a Reading Challenge on Goodreads.com (....I plan to read 52 books in 2023 for my challenge.)
- Amazon has a list of recommended summer reading this year. https://www.amazon.com/b?node=9014217011
- Find a local used bookstore and buy some paperbacks for the summer. Your local library probably has used books for less than \$1. (Note: I actually volunteer at our local library's bookstore.)















Here are some ways to practice your foreign language or English skills during the summer. Email us your ideas too!

- 1. Watch a simple television program on Netflix or Amazon Prime and select the language and/or closed captions in another language. Note: I recently met a Japanese-American woman who is trying to learn Spanish. She told me that she watches a program in Japanese and turns on the Spanish subtitles. What an interesting idea!
- 2. See if your local public library subscribes to DuoLingo or Mango, two wonderful elearning resources for multiple language learning.
- 3. Free from Annenberg, watch Destinos for Spanish or French in Action. These are "soap-opera" like television programs for grades 9-12 that help with learning Spanish or French.

https://www.learner.org/series/destinos-an-introduction-to-spanish/

https://www.learner.org/series/french-in-action/

4. Check out our free language learning resources on Infotopia for Spanish, French, German, American Sign Language and ESL.

https://www.infotopia.info/foreign\_languages.html

5. There are several other ways to practice a new language: converse with a bilingual friend locally or find a safe international pen-pal, etc. Most of all, have fun with your new language!



Our search engines/web directories include:

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Don't forget to practice your arithmetic skills over the summer! You can play a math game or practice math on our websites below:

https://www.kidtopia.info/math.html

https://www.kidtopiafacts.com/mathfacts.html

https://www.kidtopiagames.com/
(search for arithmetic or math)

