

The week of June 10th will be the official kick off for the Worcester Public Schools annual Summer Reading program. In preparation for summer reading, the Worcester Public Schools has worked with the Worcester Public Library and other community partners to make books and activity ideas more accessible to students.

Research shows that when students are active readers over the summer months they return to school with fresh skills, ready for the new school year. To combat the summer slide, individual schools are promoting summer reading with many innovative strategies. Student created video book trailers, book speed dating events, book showcases, emoji recommendations from student to student, book fairs, posters, connect ed calls to families, and more!

The district has created a Summer Reading website to support parents and students in making book choices that match the student's interest and reading level. Creative research based assignments that foster comprehension have been added to the website. Assignments will be turned in and celebrated when students return to school in the fall.

I encourage families to check out the Worcester Public Schools' Summer Reading website: <https://sites.google.com/worcesterschools.net/summerreading> for book suggestions, reading supports, activities and more!