



**TAKE NOTICE THAT A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS
WILL BE HELD AT CITY HALL, COMMISSIONERS' ROOM,
118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS
COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM ON
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025**

In compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes annotated (Open Meeting Act), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD OF THE CITY OF PHARR, TEXAS will be meeting in a regular called meeting to consider and discuss the following.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) Roll call and possible action on the excusing of any absent member.

2. REGULAR AGENDA - OPEN SESSION:

A) Approval of minutes for May 15, 2025 - Regular Called Meeting

3. PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A) Library Director's Report
- B) DRC Branch Manager's Report
- C) Reference Department Report
- D) Children's Department Report

4. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING

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AGENDA
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2025

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above notice of said Regular Meeting of the Library Board of the City of Pharr was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and on the City's web page at www.pharr-tx.gov. This Notice was posted on the 11th day of July 2025 at 9:30 a.m. and will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting, in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated (Open Meetings Act).

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 11th day of July 2025



ALESSANDRA GARCIA, CPM
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Library Board was removed from the bulletin board of City Hall on the ____ day of _____, 20__ by,

Name: _____

Title: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 2.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 11, 2025

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Administration

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes for May 15, 2025 - Regular Called Meeting

Classification: Regular

(* If closed session, City Attorney must review and approve.)

Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

ROUTING:

LINDA DEL TORO
Adolfo Garcia

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MINUTES
PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025
118 S. CAGE 2ND FLOOR

The Pharr Memorial Library Board met in a regular called meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cristina Espinoza
Anita Vela
Olga L. Cardoza
Delia Sosa
Joly Sanchez
Maricela Cortez
Rosana Gutierrez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana Cuevas
Itza Flores
Dahnya Trejo

STAFF PRESENT: Adolfo Garcia, Library Director
Linda Coronado, Administrative Assistant
Ruby Ramirez, Children’s Supervisor
Jose Miguel Singleterry, DRC Manger

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXCUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Chairperson Olga Cardoza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza moved to excuse absent board members. Board Member Cristina Espinoza seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 2. REGULAR AGENDA – OPEN SESSION:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2025 - REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Olga Cardoza moved to approve minutes as submitted. Board Member Rosana Gutierrez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried it unanimously.

B) APPOINTING OFFICERS – CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Chairperson Olga Cardoza moved to appoint Joly Sanchez as Vice-Chairman and Cristina Espinoza as Secretary to the Library Board. Anita Vela seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

A) LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Chairperson Olga Cardoza introduced the item.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, reported the door gate count to date was 98,482 at the Main Library and at the Development and Research Center (DRC) gate count was approximately 12,030 and stated the total gate count was 110,512. He further reported circulation transactions at the Main Library were 27,890 and for the Development and Research Center was 3,773.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, also reported that the revenues at the Development and Research Center were \$4,055 for fax services, copies, late fees and other services and the revenue at the Main Library was \$23,784 and \$12,678 at the Cafe. He further reported on budget, future events and upcoming projects for the library.

Adolfo Garcia, Library Director, introduced Lisa Palomin and Valeria Ramirez co-leaders of the Girl Scout Troop 54. Troop 54 presented the library with an appreciation award.

B) DRC BRANCH MANAGER’S REPORT

Jose M. Singleterry, Branch Manager, reported on events that took place at Development and Research Center which included Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration, Arise Woman’s Day, Customs Border Protection Bridge Connect, Pharr Parks & Recreation Pickel Ball Tournament and Pharr Bridge Connect.

C) REFERENCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Paola Del Angel, Reference Department Supervisor, reported on events held for teens and adults in the Reference Department for the months of March and April. She further praised the success of the book clubs for both adults and teens.

D) CHILDRENS'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruby Ramirez, Children's Supervisor, reported on events held for the children's department for the months of March, April, and May. She provided statistical data and mentioned upcoming events for the months of June and July.

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Library Board, Chairperson Olga L. Cardoza moved to adjourn the meeting and Board Member Anita Vela seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD

Olga Cardoza Chairperson

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF MAY 2025, the Library Board of the City of Pharr, Texas, convened in a Regular Called Meeting at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 118 S. Cage Blvd., the meeting being open to the public notice of the said meeting, giving the date, place and subject hereof, having been posted in accordance with chapter 551, Texas Government Code (Open Meeting Act) and there being a present quorum, **I, Linda Del Toro, Library Administrative Assistant, of the City of Pharr, Texas**, certify that this is true and correct copy of the minutes.

ATTEST:

Linda Del Toro, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED DATE: _____



AGENDA MEMORANDUM



BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.A.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 11, 2025

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Library Director's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

Exclude Material from Public Packet? No

Reason:

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Library Board Meeting
July 17, 2025

Library Director's Report



Family Place Libraries
Building Foundations for Early Learning



Library Statistics FY '24- '25 YTD

Main Library Door Count	133,698
DRC Library Door Count	15,097
Total	148,795
Main Library Circulation	41,296
DRC Library Circulation	4,507
Main Library Revenue	\$30,859
DRC Library Revenue	\$5,554
Café 121	\$17,668

Library Budget FY '24-25

Amount Budgeted	\$1,668,400
YTD Expenses	\$1,029,480
Percent Used	62%

Library Recap

- **Hosting numerous library summer reading programs**
- **Received HCLS funding FY 2025**
- **Participated in multiple city events (PD, Cody's Birthday)**
- **Hosted two Galleria 121 events**
- **Hosting FEMA at DRC**
- **Submitted new budget cycle for FY '25-'26 (Computers and stucco repairs are main request)**
- **Planning next big event: Lucha Libros at DRC Aug 17**
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Budgeted Projects for main and DRC:

- **Seal Re stripe parking lots at PML & DRC**
- **Steam clean entire Children's areas**
- **Update landscaping**
- **3 months left on current FY**



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.B.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 11, 2025

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: DRC Branch Manager's Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Reason:

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Events held at the DRC for the month of May 2025



May 1 – CBP Monthly Meeting

May 6- 7- Set up for Mother’s Day event & Mother's Day Celebration

May 8-9 Mother's Day Celebration under the Stars - Setup by Crystal Lugo.

May 14- Police Academy Graduation (David Treviño)

May 21- Hurricane Preparedness Event (Crystal Lugo)

May 28- CBP Annual Business Resumption Tabletop Exercise

Events held at the DRC for the month of June 2025

June 1-30- FEMA Disaster Recovery

June 23- 27- Pharr Fire Department Car Seat Training

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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER
AVAILABLE IN PHARR

WERE YOU AFFECTED BY THE STORMS AND FLOODING FROM MARCH 26–28?
Homeowners and renters may qualify for FEMA aid if their damages aren't fully covered by insurance.

HIDALGO COUNTY:

- LAS PALMAS COMMUNITY CENTER**
1921 N. 25th St.
McAllen, TX
- PHARR DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH CENTER**
850 W. Dicker Rd
Pharr, TX
- WESLACO EDC**
275 S. Kansas Ave.
Weslaco, TX

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 7:00pm
Saturday | 8:00am - 5:00 pm
CLOSED SUNDAY
CLOSED FEDERAL HOLIDAYS: JUNE 19TH & JULY 4TH

Learn more: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4871>

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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.C.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 11, 2025

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Reference Department Report

Classification: Regular

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - REPORT

MAY - JUN 2025

TEENS (12 – 18)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
05/08/25	Mother's Day Paper Bouquets & Cards	To create bouquets of flowers and thank you cards in celebration of Mother's Day	6
05/17/25	Color Your Folder	Summer Reading Program 2025 kickoff craft, encouraging participants to color and decorate their reading log folders	15
05/20/25	Colorful Pet Portraits	Painting watercolor pet portraits to celebrate National Love Your Pet Day	4
06/10/25 06/17/25 06/24/25	Drawing Workshop	Drawing basics workshop led by volunteer local artist	23
06/14/25	Drawing & Coloring Workshop	In collaboration with the Mexican Consulate, encouraging kids and teens ages 6 to 14, from all over the world, to enter Mexico's annual Drawing Contest	10
06/20/25	NamePOP!	Turning one's name into an eye-popping comic book action bubble	9
06/27/25	Glitch & X-ray Art	Exploring distortion art techniques	11
06/28/25	Tied to Color	Tie-dyeing tote bags and bandanas	16

ADULTS (18+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
05/03/25	Consulado Info Sessions	McAllen's Mexican Consulate providing free information about their services	10
06/03/25	Watercolor Pet Portraits	Painting watercolor pet portraits	5
06/07/25 06/21/25	The Blueprint for Success & Self-mastery is in You!	Free motivational life coaching session	16
Daily Walk-ins Weekly Appts	Computer Assistance	One-on-one help with computer and Internet basics	Daily Walk-ins =28 Weekly Appts = 37 Total = 65
Wednesdays	Hub City Toastmasters	To learn and practice public speaking skills	5 high, 3 low, 4 avg 17 total
Mondays	The Feel-Good Book Club	Encourages self-improvement and spirituality	8 high, 4 low, 7 avg 27 total
Thursdays	Club de Lectura (CLAAP)	Promotes self-help and peer-support	4 high, 2 low, 3 avg, + virtual (6 avg) 11 total
Once a Month	Beyond Borders Book Club	Advocates for social change through reading	6

TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - REPORT

MAY - JUN 2025

MIXED (12+)			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Description / Purpose</i>	<i>Participants</i>
05/04/25	Star Wars Perler Beads Keychains	Creating Star Wars themed keychains with iron-on plastic beads	25
05/24/25	Meet the Author: Reynaldo Martinez	Local author presenting "Roll the Credits" The story of PSJA-TV, a pioneering high school vocational TV Production program in the Lower Rio Grande Valley	63
05/27/25	Honor & Legacy: Lorenzo "Lore" Garcia Memorial Exhibit	Photographic exhibition and presentation of Mr. Lorenzo "Lore" Garcia's life and impact in the community	17
05/29/25	Meet the Author: Anthony Parker	Local writer presenting YA Fiction self-published works	18
06/12/25 06/13/25	Free Graduation Photos	Free photos for graduating students	7
06/15/25 06/22/25 06/29/25	Grab & Go Art Crafts	An opportunity to access arts and crafts without socioeconomic or time barriers	30
06/19/25	Traveling Exhibit Presentation	Featuring Mexico's annual Children's Drawing Contest, 2022 -2023 edition, winners from all over the world	12
06/26/25	Pixel Perfect Coasters	Creating customized coasters with iron-on plastic beads	15
Saturdays (2x)	Roll for Turaco RPG Club	Role-Playing board Game club that encourages imagination and storytelling	4 high, 1 low, 3 avg

Reference Team

Del Angel, Paola (Supervisor)

Martinez, Enrique (FT)

Rodriguez, Natalia (PT)

Salazar, Olivia (FT)

Salinas, Aaron (PT)

Serna, Jaime (FT)

TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - HIGHLIGHTS



TEEN AND ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS - CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>LAST DAY OF OUR SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS JULY 12TH. DEADLINE FOR LOGS IS BEFORE 5:45 PM JULY 12TH. LAST DAY TO COLLECT PRIZES IS JULY 19TH. *ITEMS AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST*</p>		<p>ADULTS & TEENS 1 Drawing 101 Workshop: Session 1 6 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 2 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS & TEENS 3 Glitter & Glide 6 pm - 8 pm ADULTS Club de Lectura 6 pm</p>	<p> 4 LIBRARY CLOSED</p>	<p>Consulado MX 5 10 am TEENS Paint It Your Way: Texture Tissue Art 11 am - 1 pm</p>
<p>ADULTS & TEENS 6 Grab & Go Art Craft *While Supplies Last* 1 pm - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 7 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am</p>	<p>ADULTS & TEENS 8 Drawing 101 Workshop: Session 2 6 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 9 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS & TEENS 10 Beads & Badges 6 pm - 8 pm ADULTS Club de Lectura 6 pm</p>	<p>TEENS 11 Paint It Your Way: Neon Art 4 pm - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS & TEENS 12 Color Our Bookends 11 am - 1 pm Lifes Choice Blueprint for Success 2 pm - 5 pm</p>
13	<p>ADULTS 14 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am</p>	<p>ADULTS & TEENS 15 Drawing 101 Workshop: Session 3 6 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 16 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 17 Club de Lectura 6 pm</p>	18	<p>ADULTS & TEENS 19 Role Playing Game Club 2 pm</p>
20	<p>ADULTS 21 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am</p>	22	<p>ADULTS 23 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 24 Club de Lectura 6 pm</p>	<p>TEEN SUMMER 25 READING PROGRAM POOL PARTY *INVITE ONLY* 2 pm - 4 pm</p>	<p>Lifes Choice 26 Blueprint for Success 11 am - 2 pm ADULTS & TEENS Role Playing Game Club 2 pm</p>
27	<p>ADULTS 28 Feel-Good Book Club 10 am</p>	<p>TEENS 29 Personalized Keychains 6 pm - 8 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 30 HUB City Toastmasters 12 pm Computer Assistance 10 am - 7 pm</p>	<p>ADULTS 31 Club de Lectura: Diario de Emociones 6 pm</p>	<p>PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. ACTIVITY SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST- COME-FIRST-SERVE BASIS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT AT 956-402-4650.</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 25

Summer Reading Program Party – Teens

For the first time, and in coordination with the Children’s department, the Reference department will celebrate all teens who completed reading at least 10 books with a party at the Pharr Aquatic Center.

Thursday, July 31

Club de Lectura: Diario de Emociones

The Spanish language reading club will offer a journaling workshop focusing on the importance of emotions. This event is available to the public ages 16 and up, club membership is not required.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

BOARD: PHARR MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM #: 3.D.

DATE SUBMITTED: July 11, 2025

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025

FROM: LINDA DEL TORO, Secretary

DEPARTMENT: Library

DIRECTOR:

Agenda Item: Children's Department Report

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Issue:

Fiscal Consideration:

Staff Recommendation:

Alternatives:

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Children's

May 2025 – July 2025

Pharr Memorial Library + Development and Research Center Children's
Department Report

Date:
July 17th, 2025

KEY INFORMATION

- **Program Statistics: May, June, July**
 - Monthly Division KPIs and Special Events/Programs

- **Coming Up**
 - Events, Daily Programs and upcoming Projects

- **Relevant Resources**
 - What is "Summer Slide," and how can we help prevent it?

PROGRAM STATISTICS (PML & DRC)

- **May**
 - Impressions: **1,382**
 - Programs: **104**
 - General: **62** Toddler: **42**
 - General Attendees: **402** Toddler Attendees: **348**
 - Summer Reading Program Registration Attendees: **128**
- **June**
 - Impressions: **1,737**
 - Programs: **89**
 - General: **65** Toddler: **24**
 - General Attendees: **650** Toddler Attendees: **247**
 - Children's Authors Talk: **4**
 - Authors Talk Attendees: **124**
 - Super Saturday Educational Presentations: **3**
 - Super Saturday Attendees: **154**
 - Partners: **Authors Linh Tran aka Michiguna, and Alejandro Ochoa, Community Partners Fragile Planet Wildlife Park, Creative Arts Studio, and Texas A&M Forest Service**
- **July (Projected)**
 - Impressions: **1,700s**
 - Programs: **81**
 - General: **60** Toddler: **21**
 - General Attendees: **650s** Toddler Attendees: **250s**
 - Children's Authors Talk: **8**
 - Authors Talk Attendees: **150s**
 - Super Saturday Educational Presentations: **3**
 - Super Saturday Attendees: **90s**
 - Partners: **Authors Maria Luisa Salcines, Tessie Ledesma, Patty York Raymond, and Dav Mendoza III, Community Partners 1st Position Dance Studio, and the City of Pharr Public Works Department**
- **Children's Summer Reading Program**
 - Children Registered: **380**
 - General: **328** Toddlers: **52**
 - Books Read: **8,000s (Projected)**
 - Children who completed the Program Goal: **250s**
 - Children's Smart Shop Earnings (Book Coins Spent): **\$5,000 (Projected)**



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2025 ANNUAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM



JUNE 8 - JULY 12

TODDLERS - 50 BOOKS

(ATTENDING TODDLER ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY HELP COMPLETE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS)

TEENS - 10 BOOKS

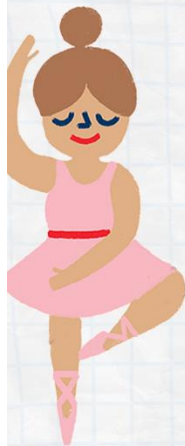
CHILDREN - 20 BOOKS

(ENCOURAGE TO CONTINUE READING AFTER GOAL IS MET)

ADULTS - 10 BOOKS

THE TOP SUMMER READERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM PARTY HOSTED ON JULY 25TH AT THE PHARR AQUATIC CENTER.

***AN INVITATION IS REQUIRED.**



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COMING UP

- **Family Place Library Grant for South Branch/Development and Research Center, Dr. Seuss Celebration, & More**
 - Family Place Library Grant (DRC) Jan – Oct 2025
 - Summer Reading Program – June 8th – July 12th, 2025
 - Wild About Wildlife Day – July 18th, 2025
 - Summer Reading Program Completion Party – July 25th, 2025
 - Flutter to the Library – August 4th, 2025

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**SUMMER
READING
PROGRAM**

PARTY

JULY 25, 2025

PHARR AQUATIC CENTER
1000 S. FIR ST. PHARR, TX
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALL
CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED THE
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS WITH A PARTY AT THE
AQUATIC CENTER!

INVITATION REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES

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RELEVANT RESOURCES

What is “Summer Slide,” and how can we help prevent it?

[What is “Summer Slide,” and how can we help prevent it? - Governor's Early Literacy Foundation](#)

What is “Summer Slide,” and how can we help prevent it?

The “Summer Slide” is the distinct learning loss that students can experience when out of school. “A regression in academic proficiency due to summer break, experts warn it is hindering kids’ progress when they head back to school.” (Scholastic)

“The concept of the summer slide has been on researchers’ radar since at least 1996, when one of the first comprehensive studies on the phenomenon was published. The study showed that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss each year. A more recent study of children in 3rd to 5th grades also showed that students lost, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer break.” Click here to read the full Scholastic article.

The Role of Reading

In Barbara Heyns’ study, “Summer Learning and the Effects of Schooling,” she was able to identify summer “parameters” influential to learning by comparing learning gains during the school year to learning gains during the summer in students.

This research found that children who did **not read at all** over the summer experienced a **loss of reading skills** equivalent to as much as an **entire grade level**.

Children who read at least **six books** during the summer either **maintained** or **improved their reading skills**—and this was true for all children, regardless of socioeconomic status.

However, higher socioeconomic status children were more apt to read over the summer, as were as girls, children who used the public library and children who lived closer to a library.

Click here to read the full Collaborative Summer Library Program Summer Reading white paper.

Through our Book Bus, Storybook Trail and K-3 Summer Reading programs, we provide students with high-quality books, resources and engagement opportunities to keep children reading and learning over the summer. We hope to prevent the “Summer Slide” in Tennessee by giving students the tools to continue learning when out of school.
