Stop the “Summer Slide”!

What is the Summer Slide? It describes what happens when young minds sit idle for two months.

Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward.

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Below are some fun summer activities in Hancock County that promote reading!

Hancock County Public Library Summer Reading Club: On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

June 1st - August 1st
Sign up and log reading time at the HCP Library website - Try to read 20 minutes every day and win prizes when you log 60 minutes, 300 minutes, 600 minutes, and 900 minutes. You also get a Grand Prize Drawing entry for every 20 minutes you log!
http://hcp.li/readingclub16

Camp Invention

June 18th-22nd 8:00am-2:30pm
@ JB Stephens Elementary School
Incoming 1st - 6th grade students are invited to attend Camp Invention! This week-long summer program focuses on innovation, real-world problem solving, and the spirit of invention. Essential STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) concepts are presented through the most creative hands-on activities.
http://campinvention.org/parents/camp-programs/
**Hancock County Public Library Events**
The library offers a wide variety of fun and engaging learning opportunities over the summer. From Summer Reading Club to story times, Reading Buddies to science activities, movies to crafts, and everything in between, the HCPL is the place to be this summer! A full list of activities and registration are available in the library or online

http://hcplibrary.org/

**Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge: Be a Reading Superhero**
May 9th - Sept 9th
Read and log minutes, unlock online stories and earn rewards, enter for a chance to win Klutz books, summer reading road trip stops in local communities with authors/activities/giveaways (scholastic.com to register)

**Barnes & Noble Summer Reading: Imagination’s Destination**
May 17th - September 6th
Fill out your Summer Reading Triathlon Journal by reading answering at least 3 questions about books you’ve read. Then, take your completed summer reading journal to a Barnes & Noble store to choose your free book!
http://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9

**Pizza Hut Book It summer reading challenge with Wimpy Kid**
Visit the Book It! website for reading resources to help make reading fun for your child! Help stop the summer slide!
http://www.bookitprogram.com/summer/

**ThinkStretch Summer Reading Challenge**
May 15th - September 7th
For every 20 minutes of reading you log, you will win 1 raffle ticket into the drawing for an iPod Touch or Kindle!
http://thinkstretch.evanced.info/homepage.asp?ProgramID=4

**Start with a Book: Summer Reading Texts**
Need help coming up with ideas to keep your child’s reading and writing skills improving over the summer? Sign up for Reading Tips to Go to get fun tips and activity ideas sent right to your phone (3-4 messages per week, all summer long).
To sign up, text READING to 41411
http://www.startwithabook.org/sms

**Reading Is Fundamental**
This site offers monthly reading activity calendars which provide engaging reading and writing activities for every day.