

**SUMMER LITERACY/
SUMMER READING
INFORMATION
2024**

INCLUDED:

- HOW TO GET BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY AND ON YOUR PHONE FOR FREE!**
- SLAM BOOKS FOR NEXT YEAR (RECOMMENDED READS)**
 - LITERACY RESEARCH AND DATA**
- HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING AT HOME**

Tips for Families to Keep Your Children

READING ALL SUMMER LONG



1.

CHECK OUT BOOKS OF EVERY GENRE FROM THE LIBRARY

Children are more likely to read and finish the books they have picked out themselves, but they don't always know exactly what they want to read. Head to your local library, either in person or through the Libby or Sora app, to gather a variety of genres so your child can discover their interests.

2.

KEEP A BOOK IN THE CAR, IN YOUR BAG, OR ON YOUR PHONE

Waiting at a drive-thru or car wash? There is no bad place to encourage reading, so keep books on hand everywhere you go! If you forgot to pack a book, swipe through the pages of a book on a reading app to show that reading and technology go hand in hand.

3.

MAKE VIDEO GAMES EVEN MORE INTERACTIVE THROUGH READING

If your child is playing a game that takes place in a far-off land or features different cultures, use this as an opportunity to do research together, which will increase their reading time in the process. Looking to branch out from video games altogether? Your child might love graphic novels and comic books.

4.

WHEN CHILDREN ARE "TOO OLD" TO BE READ ALOUD TO, GET CREATIVE

As children get older and gain more autonomy, read-aloud time decreases. If your child thinks they're too old to read aloud, read them passages from your books, magazine articles, or interesting online posts. And while you're traveling to sports practice or cooking, ask them to do the same!

5.

KEEP MOTIVATION HIGH WITH A SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Check out the free, fun, and safe Scholastic Summer Reading program! From May 9 to August 19, children can read ebooks, watch read-aloud videos, attend virtual author events, earn digital rewards, and create and keep Reading Streaks to help unlock a donation of 100,000 books for kids with limited or no access to reading materials. Learn more at [scholastic.com/summer](https://www.scholastic.com/summer).

Happy summer reading!

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HAAL Pass: Hillsborough All Access Libraries

Student ID Number = Homework Help

HAAL Pass allows every student enrolled in a Hillsborough County Public School, Hillsborough County Charter School, or Hillsborough Virtual School access to public library resources with their seven-digit student ID number and the default PIN.

In addition to the great resources students receive from their school media centers, HAAL Pass allows them to use their seven-digit student ID number as a public library card.

Instant Library Access for Students

- [Borrow](#) up to 3 items from any public library branch with no overdue fines or lost book fees.
- [Download](#) eBooks and audiobooks.
- [Connect](#) with online tutors and receive homework help.
- [Research](#) articles from newspapers, magazines, and reference books.

Visit the library's [Kids](#) and [Teens](#) pages and the schools' [Virtual Libraries](#) to explore the resources available.

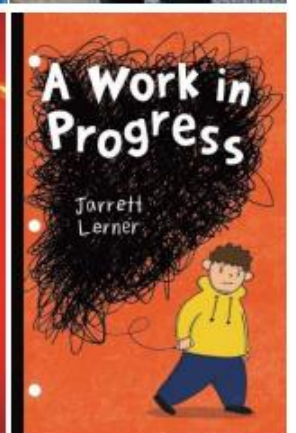
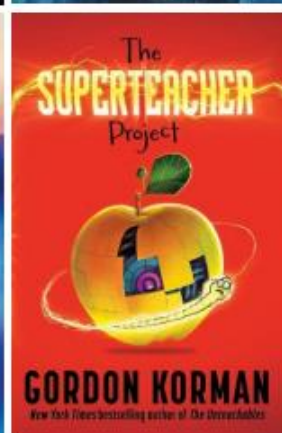
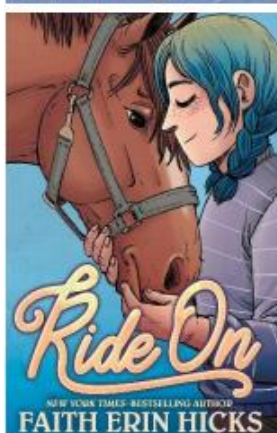
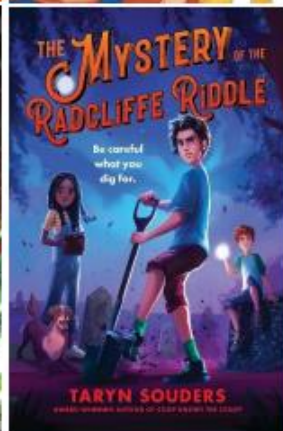
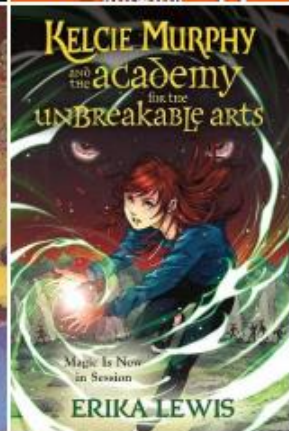
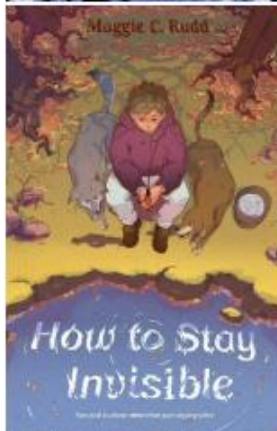
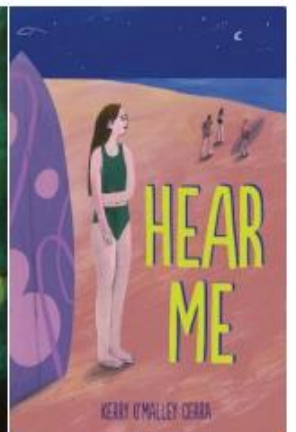
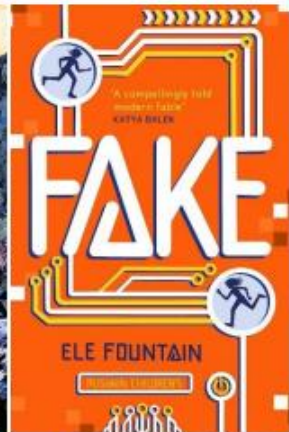
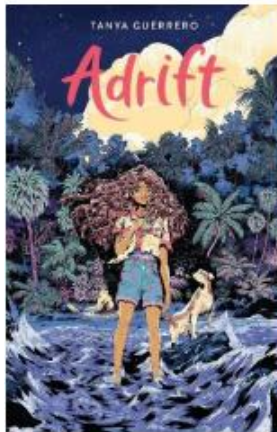
HAAL Pass Guidelines

- All Hillsborough County Public Schools students are automatically enrolled.
- Students use their student ID number and the default PIN. No physical library card is issued.
- The HAAL Pass is not associated with any other library card or account.
- Students may still have a standard public library card in addition to HAAL Pass.

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books



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Why Literacy Matters

Literacy and well-being are connected! Below are just some of the ways that reading regularly can help your child grow physically, emotionally, and socially.

Reading regularly and discussing what was read raises a child's IQ by 6 points.



Reading for just six minutes can reduce stress levels by up to

60%

and slow the heartbeat.



Children who read are more likely to make logical decisions. They also have better judgment!



Spending quality time reading, talking, and listening strengthens the parent-child bond.

Reading for 20 minutes every day can help students score among the top 10% in standardized testing.



Reading together at bedtime every night tells the body that it's time to sleep and *relaxes you*.

Reading, especially fiction books, increases empathy. Readers know better what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes.



Reading creates new brain pathways. Readers have better memories!

Strong readers are

2.5x

more likely to earn

\$850

or more a week.

Well-read kids are more likely to "think first"



before becoming angry or emotional.

The Top 7 Ways You Can Support Your Child's Literacy

1. Keep a wide variety of reading materials in your home.

- ▶ Books, borrowed or bought
- ▶ Magazines
- ▶ Brochures
- ▶ Newspapers
- ▶ Flyers
- ▶ Owner's manuals

2. Talk, sing, and play with your child.

- ▶ Listen to music together.
- ▶ Make up stories.
- ▶ Play games together.
- ▶ Tell family stories.
- ▶ Draw, make books.
- ▶ Ask questions and listen.

3. Let your child know that you believe he or she can be an outstanding reader and student.

- ▶ Write uplifting notes.
- ▶ Gift books and other literacy materials.
- ▶ Praise your growing reader.
- ▶ Ask your child to read to you.

4. Show that you believe reading is important.

- ▶ Read daily.
- ▶ Share your reading.
- ▶ Read aloud.
- ▶ Travel with a book.

5. Be actively bilingual, if possible.

- ▶ Use both languages.
- ▶ Celebrate your culture.
- ▶ Read books in both languages.
- ▶ Use closed-captioning.

6. Talk to your child's teachers.

- ▶ Share details about your child.
- ▶ Listen and support teachers' goals and concerns.
- ▶ Ask for help, if needed.
- ▶ Speak up.

7. Visit libraries in your community and online.

- ▶ Apply for a library card.
- ▶ Sign your child up for library activities and clubs.

Literacy Milestones

Your child will work hard to meet many literacy goals this year! These pages describe some common milestones to watch for and support as your child grows as a reader.

Language

- ▶ Understand figurative language (such as "it's raining cats and dogs").
- ▶ Break apart words with more than one syllable in order to pronounce them correctly, or close to correctly (such as *ingenious*, *committee*, and *continent*).
- ▶ Use context to understand a vocabulary word.
- ▶ Be respectful and polite during a discussion.
- ▶ Ask for further explanation when things are unclear.
- ▶ Use facts and opinions to make strong statements.
- ▶ Use multiple forms of text and media as evidence in a discussion.
- ▶ Recognize when a claim is not supported with enough facts or is supported with inaccurate claims.

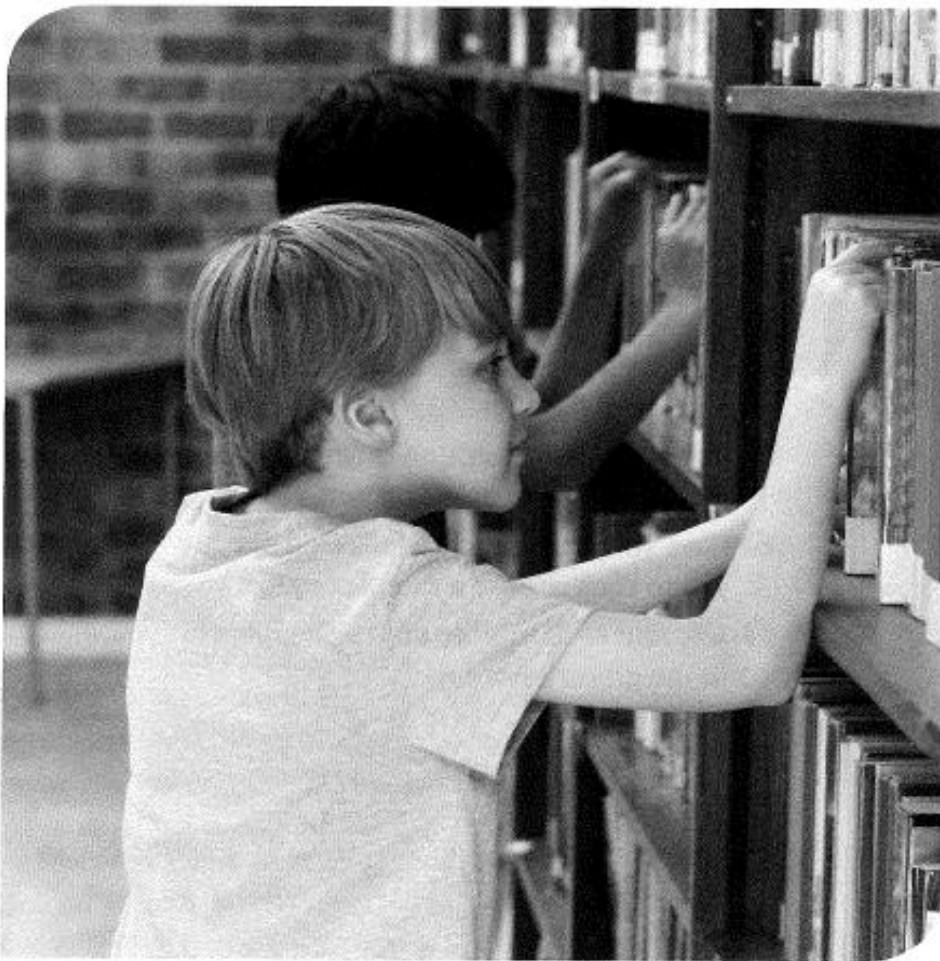
Reading

- ▶ Understand longer pieces of text with multiple subplots.
- ▶ Make inferences about significant events not shown in the text.
- ▶ Understand perspectives and events that are very different from your child's own experiences.
- ▶ Determine the themes and morals of a story.
- ▶ Compare and contrast two or more story elements, such as characters, settings, or plots.
- ▶ Compare and contrast two or more stories from the same genre.
- ▶ Recognize different styles of writing by noticing the author's word choice and structure decisions.
- ▶ Recognize when a main idea or claim is supported with evidence.



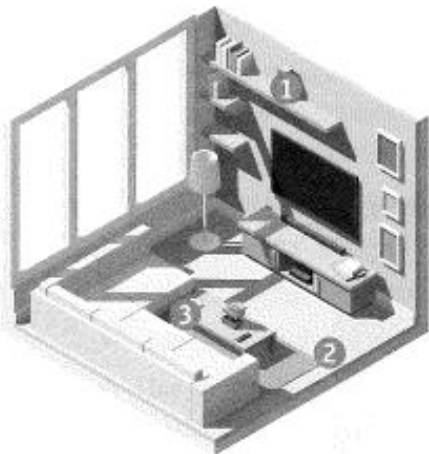
Writing

- ▶ Understand that the introduction sets the tone of a piece.
- ▶ Include a meaningful conclusion that wraps up his or her ideas well.
- ▶ Construct a well-organized opinion essay.
- ▶ Use facts and quotations to support claims and strengthen ideas.
- ▶ Include historical context, facts, and science in both fiction and nonfiction pieces.
- ▶ Format the text so that important ideas flow logically.
- ▶ Use varied sentence length and structure to build tension.
- ▶ Use language that causes an emotional response in the reader.
- ▶ Choose words that link sentences and paragraphs together smoothly.
- ▶ Use words that indicate the passage of time.



Literacy Throughout the Home

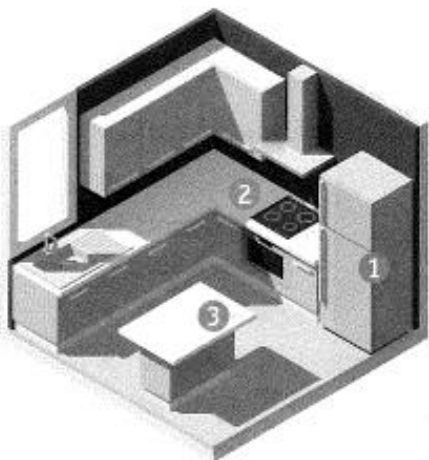
Your household can be your child's best classroom! With a little imagination and a lot of questions, you can use everyday objects and routines to sharpen your child's literacy skills.



In the Living Room

Living room activities can strengthen both literacy skills and family bonds.

- 1 Place a wide variety of books on shelves, in baskets, and on tables, within easy reach of your child.
- 2 Gather as a family to tell stories, share memories, play charades, act out plays, or play board or card games.
- 3 Screen time is best when viewed together and used as an opportunity to discuss what you are watching.



In the Kitchen

For many families, the kitchen is the hub of the home. Use the hours spent here to practice literacy with your child.

- 1 Place magnetic words on the refrigerator to create magnetic poetry and write notes to each other.
- 2 Have your child practice following directions by helping you to cook or bake a complex recipe.
- 3 Ask your child to write up the shopping list you will bring to the grocery store.

In the Bedroom

The bedroom is a good place for end-of-the-day chats to discuss your child's progress and future learning activities and ideas.

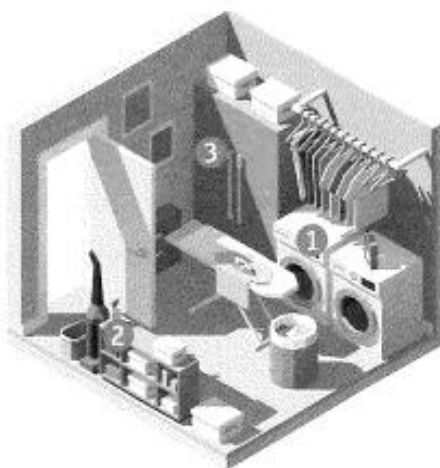
- 1 Demonstrate great reading habits by keeping books and magazines near the bed.
- 2 Encourage your child to keep a dream journal next to the bed, within easy reach for recording in the morning.
- 3 Bond with your child at bedtime by asking about his or her day or sharing memories from your own childhood.



In the Laundry Room

Whether at home or at the laundromat, doing laundry has clear-cut instructions and specific actions that use literacy skills.

- 1 Have your child practice following directions in order by helping you work the machines.
- 2 Many laundry products have several words with multiple syllables in the ingredients list. Work with your child to sound them out.
- 3 Sort and fold clothing with your child, creating categories by size, color, or texture for added fun.



On the Go

During the social distancing of COVID-19, your family may have been spending most of your time at home! If you can safely go around your neighborhood, take advantage of all the opportunities to support everyday literacy in your community.

At the Library

Regardless of whether your library is open to patrons, get your child a library card! That signals the importance of books and reading, and is your child's passport to an exciting world. Learn about programs that your library is holding remotely or in person, and participate with your child.

On the Road

Look for signs everywhere—street signs, traffic signs, store signs, flyers. Point out words and letters. Play games looking for different kinds of words, rhyming with them, sounding them out, reading them aloud.

On a Walk

Even a nature walk can be an opportunity to play with language and talk about words and sounds. Describe the sounds of leaves crunching or alarms beeping. Retell the story of your walk later using adjectives and adverbs.