



Family 5: Summer Reading Challenge June 20 – August 26, 2016

The Mansfield School Libraries challenges everyone to spend time reading, learning, exploring, and energizing this summer. Read books, play games, enjoy outside, explore library services, and attend one of the many events held at a public library. The **Family 5: Summer Reading Challenge** is not only fun, but it's also beneficial for children.

Take our challenge and participate by signing up either in your school or online on our school library website <http://mpslibraries.org>.

Prevent the Summer Slide

During summer break, students who do not spend time reading and learning can find their school year skills slipping backwards - also known as the Summer Slide. Teachers and literacy experts agree that reading as few as five books during the summer and staying active and engaged in educational programs helps students retain their skills and return to school ready to learn.

Read as a Family

The Mansfield School Libraries also challenges you to share the joy of reading as a family. Everyone from the baby to great-grandpa can get involved! Reading for pleasure is one of the building blocks needed for young people to grow into healthy, productive adults.

Get Involved

Enjoy your summer with reading in the following ways:

- Visit the "Books on Buses" for books to read. Check out their schedule [here](#) on our webpage.
- Participate in programs at your local public library and borrow books from them.
- Explore some of our online books. Follett ebooks, Tumblebooks, and Scholastic Go Non-fiction databases are all great online reading resources.

Are you up for our reading challenge?