

# Summer Reading Club helps children succeed

Summer Reading Club is a way for children of all ages to stay connected during the summer school break. This annual program at public libraries across B.C. is highly anticipated by children and families. By accessing these free programs, activities and resources, children can:



## Grow literacy skills

Research shows children who participate in Summer Reading Club make significant gains in reading comprehension.<sup>1</sup>



## Increase reading levels

Summer Reading Club helps children raise their reading levels by the time they return to school. This is especially the case for at-risk children.<sup>2</sup>



## Enjoy reading and prevent 'summer brain drain'

Children enjoy reading more with Summer Reading Club, and research has shown this means they are less likely to experience 'summer learning loss.'<sup>3</sup>



## Better prepare for the new school year

Children who participate in Summer Reading Club begin the new school year with a positive attitude about reading and are more confident in the classroom.<sup>4</sup>

These are only a few of the ways children benefit from Summer Reading Club at their local library, and research shows the benefits are even greater for English language learners and children at risk.

## Supporting B.C.'s new curriculum

In addition to fostering a love for reading, Summer Reading Club supports and complements the core competencies in B.C.'s new curriculum. By providing space and time, children can develop their skills and explore their passions and interests. Children can also experience language and story as a source of creativity and joy. When children tap into their curiosity, this wonder can lead them to new discoveries about themselves and the world.

For more information about Summer Reading Club, visit [surreylibraries.ca](http://surreylibraries.ca)



Sources: 1. Impact of library-based summer reading clubs on primary-grade children's literacy activities and achievement (Jaclyn Dynia et al); October 2015 issue of The Library Quarterly. 2. Mid-Continent public library proves summer reading programs boost student achievement (Lauren Barack); February 2014 issue of School Library Journal. 3. Literature review on the impact of summer reading clubs (Gos Gilroy Inc.); March 2006 report for Library and Archives Canada. 4. Summer reading programs boost student achievement, study says (Carole Fiore et al); November 2010 issue of School Library Journal.