

Central Rivers AEA, in cooperation with the Mackin Corporation has developed a summer reading website. For each grade level (K-12), there are links to eBooks within your MackinVIA library, as well as links to a summer reading journal and other book-related activities.

Research has shown that most students lose knowledge over summer break.... some call it the summer slide. The way to combat this slide is to read! Students who read books that are just right for them actually gain knowledge during the summer months and begin the school year better prepared for SUCCESS! Reading alone is not enough, though. **GREAT readers have the support & involvement of their families.** Reading aloud to students of all ages increases vocabulary, comprehension, writing skills, and most importantly, creates a love of reading!

**When reading with your child try:**

- **Using expression in your voice!** Use different voices for characters; make the “booms” & “growls.” Imagine actors in a play, and read with that level of expression!
- **Pausing to discuss what you are reading!** Ask your child questions to check for understanding. Start with basic questions, like asking a character’s name, and then progress to asking about the characters feelings, motivation, and thoughts.
- **Making predictions together!** Before beginning a book, make predictions about what you both think will happen. As you read together, feel free to change your predictions!
- **Taking a picture walk.** Look through the pictures & see if you can begin putting the story together or begin to understand the topic better!
- **Making connections.** Have you seen something similar in a movie or on TV? Have you read a similar book? Does the book remind you of something? Talk about it!
- **Showing what you know.** For non-fiction books or books that are informational, try out what you have learned. If the book has math problems, try a few together. For books about science, try an experiment or apply what you have learned.
- **Looking it up.** If you love a book, try the library for books with similar characters or subjects, or the same author writes. Did you learn a new fact that was really interesting? Do some research and learn more about the topic!
- **Getting creative!** How many places can you read together? Read on road trips and on vacation, at relatives houses, outside, in every room of your house, and wherever you can. Make it a challenge... how many different places can you read together this summer?

**There are separate websites for elementary and secondary titles.**

**K-5:** <http://centralriversaea.iwanttoread.org/elem>

**6-12:** <http://centralriversaea.iwanttoread.org/sec>

Your child will be asked to login to the MackinVIA portal to actually read the books. Each school building has a unique username and password. If you don’t know the information to access the ebooks, please contact your child’s teacher, or you may also contact Central Rivers AEA directly with access questions.

You may contact Central Rivers AEA via e-mail at [reservations@centralriversaea.org](mailto:reservations@centralriversaea.org) or give us a call at 1-800-735-1539 and ask for Lending Library.

**Record your MackinVIA login below:**

User ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

We hope that you will have a summer filled with books, reading, learning, and fun. Enjoy your break and enjoy the experience of reading and learning together.

If you have questions regarding the Summer Reading Website or MackinVIA, please contact Central Rivers AEA Librarian, Cheryl Roberson ([croberson@centralriversaea.org](mailto:croberson@centralriversaea.org)) or Cari Teske ([cteske@centralriversaea.org](mailto:cteske@centralriversaea.org))

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