Summer is here, and all kids are ready to get out of the classroom and start playing outside! But don’t forget about reading. Because summer is filled with fun and family activities, children usually don’t read as much as they do during the school year. But you can change this by making sure that your kids have plenty of books around. Take a book outside with you to read, visit the local library on a rainy day, or make sure to check out some of the great reading ideas and FREE EVENTS featured on the back of this sheet. Happy Summer Reading!

Dear Parent or Family Member,

Your child has just brought home a book that he or she chose during an awesome RIF Reading Celebration! Our mission at RIF Pittsburgh is to provide children with the resources, motivation, and opportunities to develop a lifelong love of reading.

You can help simply by sharing this book with your child. Ask your child about the book he or she chose. Better yet, read the book together! The simple act of sharing this book with your child will make a huge impact in motivating your child to learn to read.

Add to the fun on your child’s summer reading list with books like these:

**Ladybug Girl** by David Soman and Jackie Davis  
Age Range: 3-7  
When Lulu goes to the beach for the very first time she is not so sure that she likes the big and rough ocean. She has fun out of the waves building sandcastles until the tide comes in and the ocean tries to steal her pail. Lulu remembers that she can be brave as Ladybug Girl, and she learns to overcome her fear of the ocean in this fun story about facing your fears.

**The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein  
Age Range: 4-8  
This classic story tells the tale of a young boy who develops a close relationship with a tree. The tree gives apples, shade, a place to play, and more to the young boy. As the boy grows older he takes more and more from the tree until eventually the tree has nothing left to give. This story is a beautiful lesson about the gift of giving.
Read Under the Sun

Did you know that the sun is really just the world’s largest reading lamp? Reading is not just an indoor activity, so the next time your family goes outdoors, take a book outside with you! Pack the sunglasses and a soft blanket and curl up in the shade of an old tree to read a story together. If you want, pack lunch in a picnic basket and make a “book-nic.”

Rainy Day Reading

We all know that sometimes during the summer, we see more clouds than sun. On rainy days, brighten up your child’s day with a trip to your local library. By picking out some fun books that you can read together, your kids won’t be bored on days when they get stuck inside.

Check out these FREE Family Events!

Terrific Tales for Toddlers
Mt. Washington Library
Thursdays Jun 17 - Jul 29
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Family Fun: Storytime
Woods Run Library
Thursdays Jun 17 - Aug 26
11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Movies @ the Library
Brookline Library
Thursdays Jun 17 - Aug 12
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Summer Readers Club
Hill District Library
Wednesdays Jun 23 - Aug 4
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Book Bingo
West End Library
Thursdays Jun 17 - Aug 12
11:00 am - 11:45 am

Family Program: Make a Splash!
Carrick Library
Saturdays Jun 26 - Aug 7
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Family Storytime
Beechview Library
Mondays Jun 21 - Aug 2
11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Terrific Tales for Toddlers
Main Library - Oakland
Tuesdays Jun 22 - Jul 27
10:30 am - 11:00 am

Slipper & Pajama Storytime
Hill District Library
Mon Jun 21 & Mon Jun 28
6:15 pm - 6:45 pm

To find more events at your local Carnegie library, visit www.clpgh.org

Want to learn more about how you can get involved in helping your child learn to love to read? Visit www.rifpittsburgh.org for more information.