Wisconsin Public Library Summer Reading Program

Each year the Public Library Development Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction coordinates a summer reading program on behalf of Wisconsin's public libraries. Wisconsin is a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). All 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Mariana Islands, Federated Islands of Micronesia, and the Cayman Islands are members of CSLP. Through CSLP, Wisconsin libraries are able to purchase high-quality materials at low cost needed for the program. “Fizz, Boom, Read!” is the early literacy and children's theme in 2014, “Spark a Reaction” is the teen theme, and “Literacy Elements” is the adult theme. Future themes include heroes (2015), wellness/fitness/sports (2016), and building a better world (2017).

Research about the Importance of Summer Reading

- Talking points from DPI about the value of summer library programs.
  - Summer Reading Loss
  - Students Who Struggle with Reading
  - Self-Selection of Reading Materials
  - Safe Summer Activities
- The Dominican Study: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap (2010) examined the impact of public library summer reading program on student achievement.
- The New York State Library published The Importance of Summer Reading: Public Library Summer Reading Programs and Learning in 2010 (updated 2011).
- The Collaborative Summer Library Program links to studies showing that public library summer reading programs enhance student achievement.
- The National Summer Learning Association serves as a network hub for thousands of summer learning program providers and stakeholders across the country. Research links can be found on their association publications webpage.

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