



2020 Summer Reading Program

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Imagine Your Story?

Imagine Your Story is this year's theme for the nationwide Summer Reading Program, a program designed to encourage reading for all ages.

How does it work?

Register for READSquared, read or listen to books, record your reading, play educational games, attend virtual events and explore all the fun ways you can earn points and win prizes. Our weekly prizes include small tokens of thanks, and readers with the most points will receive gift cards, certificates of participation and grand prizes at the end of the summer! Prizes can be redeemed starting **June 15th, 2020 through August 8th, 2020**.

Who can participate?

Everyone! All you need is a READSquared account.

What are the benefits?

Research shows that regular reading:

- Boosts intelligence
- Improves brain connectivity, concentration, and memory
- Increases your vocabulary and comprehension
- Increases your analytical thinking skills
- Increases empathy – Yes, great literature makes you a kinder person!
- Lowers stress
- Prevents cognitive decline as you age

Additionally, children who do not read during the summer lose months of reading and cognitive skills gained during the school year, while those who read over the summer vacation months are more likely to retain what they learned previously, which gives them a head start for the next school year.

How do I log my reading?

Can I count books that I read on my computer or e-reader?

Yes

Can I count time that I spend reading to babies and toddlers?

Yes! Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read to babies and toddlers.

Can I count the time that I spend reading a book even if I don't finish it?

Yes

How do I complete Missions and attend Virtual Events?

Can I participate in missions or events after the official start date?

Yes, except for live events.

What are secret codes and how do I get them?

Secret codes are special words that will be needed to claim points for completing missions and attending virtual events. You will get the secret code word at the end of each mission or virtual event.

How do I attend a virtual event?

After you log in, click on the Events tab on the top left hand corner of the page, next to Home. The calendar will open and you will see the events for the month. Select the one you want to attend.

How do I claim my points for completing a mission?

Select the mission you want and complete the activity. When you are done, click the Complete Now box. Your points will automatically be counted.

How do I claim my points for attending a virtual event?

Select the event you want to attend. When the event is over, you will receive a secret code word. On your home page, click the Enter Code tab, type the secret code word and submit. Your points will automatically be counted.

If you have more questions, call us at (305) 821-2700.