Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge Results

The RECAP
Nationwide, children can lose an average of 2 to 2.5 months of reading skills each summer. Children who do that consistently can wind up two years behind their classmates by the end of sixth grade. This decline in reading skills is called the summer slide.

Each year, the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge brings our communities together so our children can thrive.

- In 2019, 8,709 children participated -- a 60% increase from last year
- Of 8,709 kids, 6,876 read six or more books -- a 40% increase over 2018

How many books did 8,709 kids actually read this summer?
- 198,570 Books -- a 57% increase over 2018!

Click here and scroll down to access the Summer Reading Challenge newsletters with shareable tips and information that is relevant all year long.

SCGLR obtained aggregate performance data for 74 summer providers who worked with elementary school-aged children for at least four weeks during the summer months. These children took an i-Ready diagnostic test in the spring of 2019 (AP3) and an i-Ready diagnostic test in the fall of 2019 (AP1), allowing SCGLR to compare their scores for an indication of summer reading gains or losses.

The Data
*Results have been rounded to the nearest whole number

- 35% of summer locations participating in the Suncoast Summer Book Challenge experienced learning gains
- 9% of the locations participating in the Suncoast Summer Book Challenge experienced zero learning loss
- 15% of the locations participating experienced 1 month of reading loss or less
- 20% experienced between 1-2 months of learning loss

FREE WORKSHOPS
Currently Registering:
**Talleres de La mente en formació'n Equipo Digno**
Sarasota
Saturday, Dec 14
1:00pm - 6:00pm
Sunday, Dec 15
2:00pm - 5:00pm

**Team Renew**
Bradenton
Thursdays
5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Team Quiz**
Holmes Beach
Wednesdays
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Saturday Night Lights**
Arcadia
Friday, December 14
4:00pm - 5:30pm

**Holiday Extravaganza**
Arcadia
Friday, December 14
4:00pm - 5:30pm
• 9% of the locations experienced 2 months or more of learning loss
• 13% of the locations were unable to provide data

Kudos to the individuals and organizations who supported and participated. We've all earned a well-deserved pat on the back for encouraging our children to read at least six books during the summer months and inspiring them to develop a love for reading. And what a great willingness from the kids who are showing up and demonstrating their interest in learning!

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

– Marcel Proust

The month of November is a time where we reflect on what we have and what we are most grateful for. As SCGLR thinks about what our four counties have together, we are thankful for...

• more than 1,000 graduates who have participated in Mind in the Making
• the impact The Power of Presence Book Circles had on our community
• attendance teams at 15 local elementary schools working together to decrease chronic absenteeism
• local medical professionals participating in Reach Out and Read
• community partners supporting the purchase and filling of more than 6,000 Kindergarten Readiness Bags
• the summer providers and kiddos who participated in the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge
• and the SCGLR movement we are creating together in our communities

We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.