

## **CCSD Summer Reading Program 2018**

### **FAQ for Parents**

#### **How does my student log minutes for the Summer Reading Challenge?**

Visit [www.bliblionasium.com/summerreading](http://www.bliblionasium.com/summerreading) and choose the middle box for the Cobb County School District; students login using student number and the password used to log into the computer at school. If prompted, enter the state of Georgia and your school. Add books to your Biblionasium bookshelf and then log minutes in the reading log.

#### **What do I do if my student forgot his/her username or password?**

Call the Cobb County School District Customer Care Center at 770-514-2500. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 7 am - 5:30 pm, from May 29th through July 27th.

#### **When does the CCSD Summer Reading Challenge 2018 begin and end?**

The Summer Reading Challenge begins May 24th, the first day of summer break, and ends July 31st, the last day of summer break.

#### **Where can I find additional resources for summer reading?**

In addition to your local school's website, many resources are located at [www.cobbsummerreading.com](http://www.cobbsummerreading.com). Additionally, the Cobb County School District has partnered with Cobb County Public Libraries, Smyrna Public Library, and Marietta City Schools to support a county-wide reading challenge for students of 1,500 minutes.

#### **My student is a rising 6th grader or rising 9th grader. How does that impact the Summer Reading Challenge?**

When logging into Biblionasium, students may be prompted to choose their school. Rising students should choose their previous school throughout the summer.

#### **Why should students participate in a Summer Reading Program?**

Research shows that many children experience what is often called "summer slide," when students are exposed to fewer educational opportunities and, as a result, lose some of the gains made in school during the year. By actively participating in a summer reading program, studies show that students often maintain or improve their reading abilities throughout the summer.\*

#### **Why is the challenge for students to read 1,500 minutes?**

Studies show that reading 20 or more minutes a day prevents summer learning loss. If students read approximately 20 minutes a day during summer break, they will reach 1,500 minutes.\*

#### **How does the CCSD Summer Reading Program encourage students to read?**

Biblionasium is a subscription website that K-8 CCSD students have access to all year, starting with the '17-'18 school year. Students can use Biblionasium to keep track of books they've read and create a list of books they want to read. Log your minutes to see how much you're reading this summer!

#### **What should we do if we have difficulty accessing the internet?**

Students may write their minutes on a paper log that contains the following information: student's name, date, minutes read, title of book. Please bring your reading log to your school library media specialist at the beginning of the school year.

#### **Is there a suggested book list?**

A key factor in cultivating lifelong reading is being able to choose what to read, so students are free to read books they choose. For book suggestions, please visit our Reading Resources page or stop by your local public library. Your library media specialist may also provide suggestions prior to the end of school. *\*Note: Some schools and/or classes do have required reading. Please verify with your local school.*

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