

*The Perfect Equation*

Summer Reading Success:  
School + Public Librarians



Welcome!



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# Guiding Questions



## Why

should school and public librarians collaborate over summer reading?



## What

are some effective ways to work together to keep students reading?



## How

does summer reading build capacity for your program and for you?



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My favorite place to read!

Manor Park - Larchmont, NY

# Stronger Together

Through collaboration, we have the opportunity to:

1. Connect with kids over the summer months
2. Provide and encourage use of library resources, including eBook and audiobooks
3. Strengthen relationships with students while cultivating their reading skills



# Making the Case

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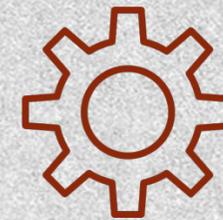
# Research confirms

Summer reading programs have a positive impact on students



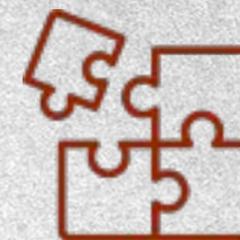
## Reading

Increasing reading time is the most important strategy for improving literacy skills in fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension



## Loss

Children do experience losses in learning over the summer months



## Prevention

Both the access to reading materials and the volume of reading are vital for preventing summer learning loss

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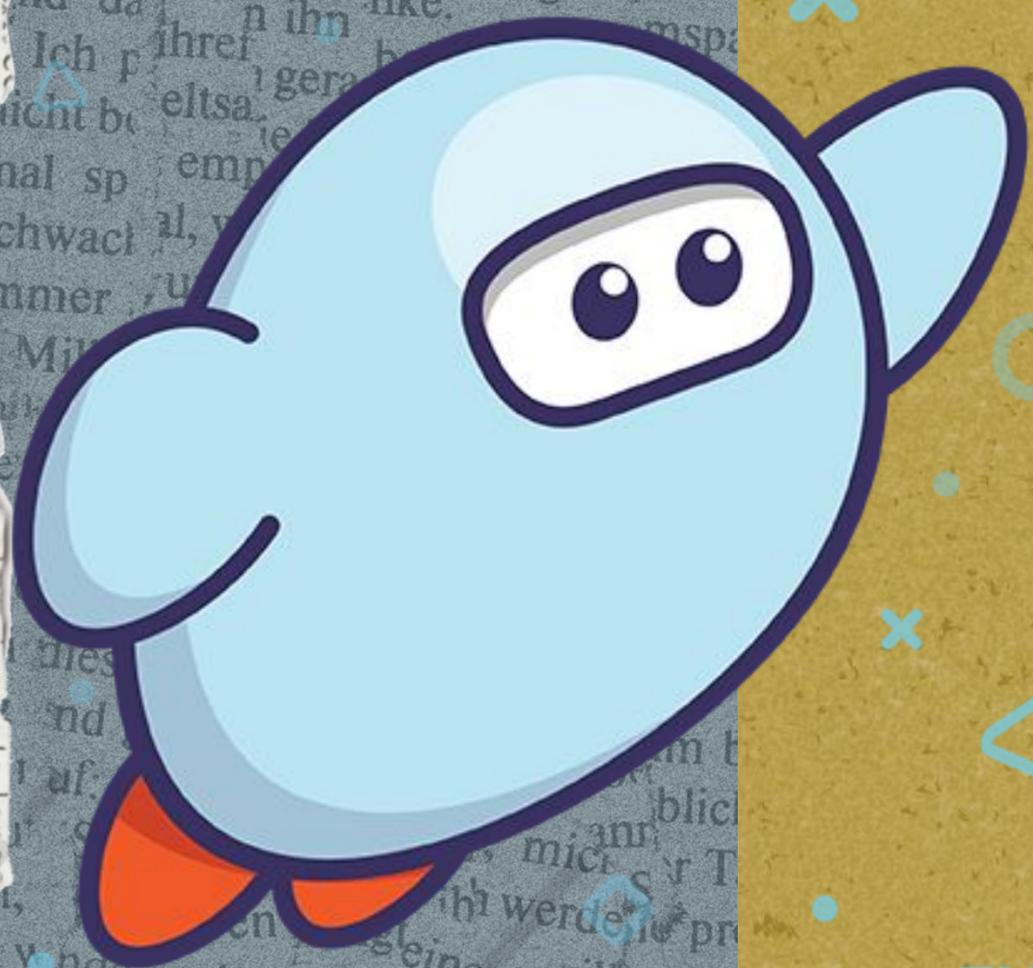
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Not just for kids!

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Make booktalking a competition

# Reading is Social

- Available all summer
- Simultaneous use
- How can these titles support your summer reading program?



A promotional graphic for Sora Sweet Reads. The background is a bright green-to-yellow gradient with radiating lines. At the top, the word "Sora" is in a simple black font, followed by "SWEET READS" in large, bubbly, orange and blue letters. Below this, the text "Always available ebooks and audiobooks" is written in a dark blue font. In the center, there is a row of five book covers: "Balla & Dagge: An Outlaw Sainte" by Daniel José O'Neil, "Wildth" by Jane Taglan, "Savi and the Memory Keeper" by Bual Vachharajani, "Dragon Mountain" by Katie & Kevin Sang, and "Sylvia & Aki" by Fred Conkling. A small blue speech bubble icon with a white face is positioned above the "Savi and the Memory Keeper" cover. At the bottom left, the Sora logo "Sora" is displayed in a bold, dark blue font, with the tagline "Where students read" underneath. At the bottom right, the dates "MAY 13 - AUGUST 26" are printed in a bold, black font. The entire graphic is set against a background of torn paper and a green grid pattern.

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# Building Capacity



Strengthens  
relationships with  
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Strengthens  
partnership between  
school and public  
library



Strengthens the  
whole community



Strengthens  
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# Sora

The student reading app

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Thank you!



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# Further Reading

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