



May/June 2021 Newsletter

Community schools are a place and a set of partnerships between school and community resources. Its focus is on academics, services, support and opportunities which lead to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities with the school as the hub of all activities.



Hi, my name is Laura Bigelow and I am Deposit Central School District's Community Schools Coordinator (CSC). I am so excited to be working in a community that puts students and families first! As the CSC I am working to utilize and implement resources from not only Binghamton University, but the Nutritional Outreach Educational Program (NOEP) formerly SNAP, Family Enrichment, Delaware Opportunities, Crime Victims Assistance Center, Cornell Cooperative Delaware, and of course the Deposit Community. Every family deserves to have access to resources which ensures their health and safety so that children can come to school and learn! Students who enjoy coming to school are more likely to have strong attendance and good grades. We want our deposit families to feel welcome in our school and know that we are here to assist you with your needs.

Are you in need of any of the following services:

- Health & Dental Insurance
- Mental Health Counseling
- Doctor/Family Nurse Practitioner
- Open Airways (Asthma Education)
- Educational Assistance from Birth on
- Social Services
- SNAP
- Other

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Here are just a few resources that Deposit has right here in our own community!

Deposit Closet

Deposit Free Library

Food Pantry

Council of Churches

LOOKING AHEAD!

Parent/Caregiver Support Group

We provide a safe space for families to discuss their concerns with maintaining school and family life during the pandemic. *Look for the zoom link on our Community Schools homepage coming soon!*



***GED**

***Parent Cafe**

***Financial Literacy**

***On the Road - our summer mobile initiative**

S U M M E R F U N !!

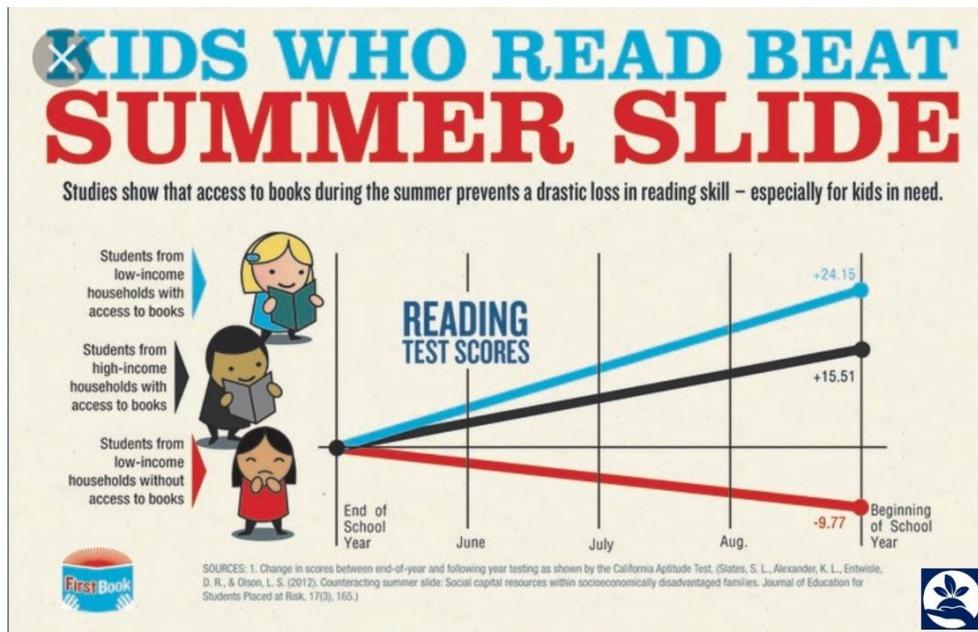
Prevent the Summer Slide



Summer Reading Facts

- The benefits of summer reading are clear. National research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.
- Parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently.
- Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Libraries are part of the solution.
- To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Summer Reading Club reminds kids that reading is for fun—as well as for learning.
- There's so much to see, so much to do at your library! There's no better place to take your kids. The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun...a place the whole family can enjoy. In fact, more than 82 million children attend library programs every year.
- Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.
- The amount of time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement. Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement.

Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap



Visit the library!

The greater exposure children have to books, the more likely they are to read. Take the whole family to the library and take turns reading to one another. Keep children engaged by asking questions about the story, reviewing difficult words and having your children summarize the story to check for understanding. Check the [American Library Association's summer reading lists](#). They're organized by grade levels and meant for preschoolers through eighth-graders. High school students can pick from [Fast Web's summer reading list](#). If your child isn't enthusiastic about reading, select books that speak to his/her interests. Or, if you have a child who responds to monetary incentives, [TD Bank offers \\$10](#) for kindergarten through fifth-graders who read at least 10 books over the summer.

Go on a field trip!

Field trips to museums, parks and historical sites are culturally enriching and stimulate curiosity. After the trip, encourage your child to continue engaging with aspects of the trip that interested him/her the most. Field trips can be pricey, but luckily, the [National Summer Learning Association has an interactive map \(scroll down\)](#) with free summer programs and events. Can't leave home? Try a virtual field trip. [Scholastic Global Trek](#) allows children to explore different countries, keep a travel journal and read Q&As created by children living all over the world.

Cook with your kids!

Not only is cooking a bonding activity, it's also a great opportunity to teach basic math and develop a curious palate. Something as simple as counting ingredients or using measuring cups can reinforce math skills. Encourage your children to try new ingredients and describe how they taste. Talk about which foods they liked or didn't like and why. For recipe ideas, take a look at the [Food Network's list of healthy recipes](#) families can make together.

Host a family game night!

Board games are a great way to spend family time, practice reading and math concepts AND build critical skills for learning such as resilience, social awareness and stress management. (For a better understanding of which skills and mindsets are necessary to learn and engage in school, check out [Turnaround for Children's Building Blocks for Learning](#) framework). Looking for board game ideas? [Learning Lift Off](#) has a great list of educational board games, organized by grade levels. [Education.com](#) offers free, printable board games.

Establish chores with a purpose!

[Research shows](#) that performing household chores develops responsibility and self-reliance in children. It's not surprising then that children who began chores at an early age were more likely to have good relationships with friends and family, achieve academic and early career success and be more self-sufficient. Your child's guidance counselor will likely have ideas for age-appropriate chores. You can also check out this [fact sheet, created by the Center for Early Childhood Education](#), which has advice about choosing the right chores for your child's age and level of ability.

Preventing summer slide can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. Most summer activities can easily become learning experiences.