Ways to Complete Your Summer Wonder Challenge

For a full list of suggestions, visit kdl.org/summer.

Little Readers | Birth through age 4

As a parent, you are your child's first and best teacher. The Kent County Success Basics listed below are five fun, easy and powerful ways to help your child grow. Complete the Summer Wonder challenge by doing one activity per day for any 30 days between June 2 and August 8.

READ: Point to words and pictures as you read at home.
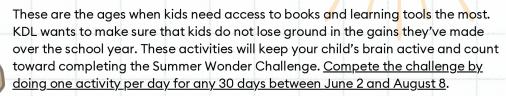**TALK:** Go for a walk and point to objects you see; sing the ABCs.
LOVE: Snuggle, rock and have quiet time.
PLAY: Blow bubbles; roll a ball back and forth; attend a KDL program.
COUNT: Count fingers and toes; look for shapes at the store.

Reading twenty minutes per day exposes readers to 1.8 million words per year.*

Youth | Ages 5-10

These are the ages when kids need access to books and learning tools the most. KDL wants to make sure that kids do not lose ground in the gains they've made over the school year. These activities will keep your child's brain active and count toward completing the Summer Wonder Challenge. Compete the challenge by doing one activity per day for any 30 days between June 2 and August 8.

- **READ** for at least 20 minutes. Choose from books, magazines, graphic novels, comics, audiobooks or have a book read to you.
- **WRITE** a story, letter or journal entry or try a writing prompt at **kdl.org/summer**.
- **DO** one of the awesome and easy STEAM activities at **kdl.org/summer**.
- **ATTEND** a library program or visit a KDL branch you've not been to.

Teens and Adults | Ages 11 and up

KDL's Summer Wonder is for everyone – accept the challenge! Make these activities part of your summer routine. Complete the Summer Wonder challenge by doing one activity per day for any 30 days between June 2 and August 8.

- **READ** for at least 20 minutes per day. Choose from books, magazines, graphic novels, comics, audiobooks and more.
- **WRITE** a story, letter, journal entry or poem.
- **ATTEND** a library program or visit a KDL branch you've not been to or a KDL esport Gaming Lab. (See gaming activities and locations at **kdl.org/gaming**.)

*"Learning Words from Context," Nagy, Herman, and Anderson, 1987, quoted in
https://www.continentalpress.com/blog/for-the-love-of-reading-why-reading-every-day-is-so-important/

Summer WONDER

All Ages Tracking Log

June 2 - August 8

Mark off one circle for each day you read or complete an age-based activity listed on the other side of this page. When you complete the challenge, stop at your local branch starting July 1 and turn in your completed log to receive a special prize. All logs are due by Friday, August 8.

1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18
19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30

Track your progress here or on Beanstack for each day of reading or completing an activity between June 2 and August 8. Remember that only one activity counts per day, and you need 30 days of activities!

READ FOR THE TREES
ALL-STAR READERS

After completing Summer Wonder, read or complete activities for 15 more days to help Kent County Parks plant more trees! Each "Read for the Trees" completer adds a leaf sticker to our tree goals and is entered to win one of five $50 gift cards to a local indie bookstore. Logs are due Friday, August 8. You can also track your progress on Beanstack. For all ages. Visit **kdl.org/summer** for more information.

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PRIZES

Everyone who completes the Summer Wonder Challenge will receive a prize. Babies through age 17 who complete the challenge will choose a free book, and adults will receive a two-deck set of KDL Playing Cards. Limit one prize per person while supplies last. All completers will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket and one of 40 $100 Meijer gift cards. Learn more at **kdl.org/summer**.

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Completer information:

Name (first)_____ (last) _____ Age _____

Phone _____ Library Branch _____

Email _____

School (if applicable) _____

Grade in the fall (if applicable) _____

Kent District Library