



Hampton City Schools Administrative Center

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Dear HCS students and caregivers,

Hampton City Schools encourages students to continue reading throughout the summer months. Consistent reading during the break positions students for a confident, successful start to the new school year. It helps them maintain and strengthen essential literacy skills while fostering a lifelong love of reading. To support summer reading, students have access to a variety of resources including digital platforms:

**HCS Resources:** Log in via [Clever](#) using HCS student credentials. Platforms are listed under "Library Resources."

- **MackinVIA:** Offers a wide selection of e-books and digital audiobooks accessible directly through the platform
- **Sora Summer Reading Program:** Provides a curated list of "Always Available" titles organized by age group

**Hampton Public Library Resources:** To log in use HCS+Student ID number. When asked for a PIN number, use the year of your birth. Contact any local library for assistance.

- **Hoopla:** Allows students to check out digital titles using their student ID through a partnership with the Hampton Public Library
- **Beanstack:** Enables students to log their reading progress and participate in the Hampton Public Library Summer Reading Challenges
- **Novelist or Novelist K-8 Plus:** Features curated book recommendations based on subjects, areas of interest, or specific authors

**Community Resources:**

- **Barnes and Noble:** Offers a free book to students in grades one through six who read any eight books during the summer and record their favorite part in the Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Journal.

If you have any questions about summer reading, please contact your school or the Hampton City Schools English Language Arts Department at [jbutler1@hampton.k12.va.us](mailto:jbutler1@hampton.k12.va.us) or Melanie Parker at [mparker1@hampton.k12.va.us](mailto:mparker1@hampton.k12.va.us). Have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,

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