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**FREE SUMMER LEARNING RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE
FOR ALL ALABAMA STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

“State Officially Kicks Off Exciting 2023 Summer Learning Challenge!”

Jackie Zeigler
District I

Montgomery, Ala. – Summer learning is a key part of our student’s foundational learning. It bridges, supplements, and strengthens their academic understanding during their months away from school.

Tracie West
District II
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For an 11th year, the Alabama State Department of Education is partnering with some of our nation’s top education organizations to promote summer learning and activities. The goal is to “*minimize the summer learning slide.*”

Stephanie Bell
District III

The school year is ending, and many families are now making plans for the summer!

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

The 2023 Alabama Summer Learning Challenge is being held from today *until July 31.*

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V

Starting today, Alabama parents have access to even more online resources to advance their children’s *reading, math, and science skills!*

Marie Manning
District VI

These resources are easy-to-access and will encourage students throughout the summer, while they are away from the K-12 classroom. See the Summer Learning website at <https://www.alabamaachievers.org/communication/summer-learning-program/>

Belinda McRae
District VII

Fighting summer learning loss is truly important and families should have access to great books and fun learning activities to ensure their students are on track when they return to the classroom in the fall.



Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII
Vice President

We are proud to once again partner with these great organizations and many others to support this year’s Alabama Summer Learning Challenge:

- The Lexile-based "*Find a Book, Alabama*" tool offers students over 260,000 books to choose from. This book-search tool allows students and parents to build custom reading lists based on the student’s Lexile range and personal interests (<https://hub.lexile.com/find-a-book/search>)

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FREE AND FUN SUMMER LEARNING RESOURCES FOR ALL ALABAMA STUDENTS AND PARENTS

This summer, Stride Skills Arcade by Stride, Inc is FREE to all students in the state from June 1 to July 31.

Prevent "Summer Slide" with a cool blend of online math, reading, language arts, and science skills practice, and spectacular games for every student interest. Students may access the Stride Skills Arcade learning platform anytime, including on tablets, PCs, and Macs. **Sign-up at** <https://www.stridegroups.com/alsummer>



High-interest literature is critical to sparking a student's love for reading, especially in the formative years.

With [Big Universe](#) by [Stride](#), students can access 18,000+ leveled eBooks and literacy tools available 24/7 on smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Powerful search functions help identify eBooks by genre and grade level. [Big Universe](#) will be FREE to all students in Alabama from May 1 to July 31. Register and login at

https://www.biguniverse.com/coupon/claims/new?coupon_claim%5bcoupon_code%5d=ALSummer

Additional resources are also available for K-12 students this summer!

- Alabama Public Television (APT) is allowing students to discover their full potential through a great summer of top educational programs – <https://aptv.org/education/>
- Parents can also make learning fun this summer by utilizing the great resources and events at Alabama's local libraries – <http://www.publiclibraries.com/alabama.htm>

Additional Information - 2023 Summer Learning on social media

- **Summer Reading:** Looking for #oceansofpossibilities books to read this summer? Searching for books by interest or category is made easy with the @LexileFramework Find a Book! Filter books for aquatic animals, wildlife, oceans, and more at [#LexileSummerReading](https://hub.lexile.com/fab)

There are many more learning resources highlighted on the 2023 Summer Learning webpage – Visit today to see the complete list of available learning resources:

<https://www.alabamaachievers.org/communication/summer-learning-program/>

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