



Early Literacy Matters!

Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

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The goal of the monthly newsletter is to provide information and resources that will help children in our region meet the critical benchmark of reading at grade level by the start of fourth grade. Please spread the word and share with anyone you know that is invested in helping children learn while developing a joy of reading. In this issue, you will learn about Summer Learning Opportunities that are available in Hartford and New Britain.

IT'S SUMMER! TIPS FOR HEALTHY MINDS AND HEALTHY BODIES

HEALTHY MINDS

- Register for a fun-filled summer camp
- **Visit your local library and join a summer reading challenge**
- **Read at least 20 minutes a day and keep a list of books you read**
- Visit local parks and museums
- **Write every day in a summer journal**

HEALTHY BODIES

- Exercise daily – visit local parks and pools
- Eat a healthy breakfast and **visit free summer meal sites**
- Use sunscreen when outdoors
- Stay hydrated – drink lots of water
- **Schedule back to school doctor visits**

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United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

School is out. Summer learning is in.

When school's out, some children may go without breakfast and lunch. Others may slip academically, starting the school year behind classmates.

United Way's *Summer Smarts* community partners, like public libraries, help ensure that children have nutritious meals and stay on track. School may be out, but learning keeps on!

Listen to "Community Connections" on WTIC 1080 AM as Bridget Quinn-Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Hartford Public Library; and, Paula S. Gilberto, President and CEO, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, discuss how they're working to ensure children have healthy minds and bodies this summer.

[Listen](#)



[Mark your calendars for National Summer Learning Week!](#)

Resources



The Hartford Public Library provides summer learning resources to child care providers, including licensed, unlicensed, relatives or neighborhood caregivers who are caring for children in our community through these hot summer days. Child care providers can receive summer early literacy training and earn books for their child care libraries.

[CLICK HERE to sign up and/or log your books](#)

United Way *Day of Action*



Seventy-five volunteers joined us in celebrating United Way *Day of Action* on June 21st by spreading the word about free summer programming and meals for local children and families. The day culminated with a block party at Sarah J. Rawson Elementary School, Hartford. United Way *Day of Action* is a global event with tens of thousands of people coming together to be part of solutions that make a real difference in people's lives.

[Watch Video](#)

Back to School Celebration! Save the Date

[Hartford](#): Monday, August 19 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Hartford Yard Goats Dunkin' Donuts Park

[New Britain](#): Friday, August 23 5:00 p.m. at New Britain Bees Stadium

You still have time!

It's not too late to register for summer camp. Summer is a wonderful time for students to participate in a program that gives them new experiences, develops new friendships and reinforces skills learned during the school year to support year-round learning.

Explore summer learning opportunities:

- [United Way 2-1-1](#)
- [Hartford Foundation for Public Giving 2019 Summer Directory](#)
- [Hartford Public Schools](#)

Discover free literacy opportunities:

- [Hartford Public Library Summer Learning Program](#)
- [New Britain Public Library](#)
- [ConneCT Kids – Connecticut's Website for Children](#)

Volunteer

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

- [Coalition for New Britain's Youth](#)
- [United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut](#)

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