



## Benefits & Advantages of Summer Reading Programs

1. [Encourages life-long reading habits](#)
2. [Supports reluctant readers](#)
3. [Helps children maintain their reading skills](#)
4. [Stimulates interest in the library and reading](#)
5. [Exercises the brain over the summer](#)
6. [Increases your child's knowledge base](#)
7. [Motivates children to read for fun](#)
8. [Prevents summer learning loss](#)
9. [Children can participate anywhere by reading and take home activities](#)
10. [Provides an alternative summer activity](#)
11. [Improves overall reading skills](#)

## Please Join Us!

The Onawa Public Library is gearing up for our summer reading program called *Plant a Seed, Read!*

Plant a Seed, Read is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology. iREAD 2026: Plant a Seed, Read will provide a context for exploring culture, history, science, health, and human connection.

We will kick off our Summer Reading Program on Sunday June 7th at 2:00 PM with a "Farm to Fork" family program with fun in the yard after! Everyone is welcome! Then, Tuesday, June 9th at 1:00 PM we will have a very special BAT program (yes live bats so please make sure your family is ok with that)! Everyone is welcome to hear this presentation about the importance of bats for our ecosystem. Our regular programs will begin Wednesday, June 10th from 9:30 – 10:30 with a very magical story telling program at the library. We will then have programs at the library from 9:30 – 10:30 AM every Wednesday during June and July and a final program in August.

We will have our Summer Story Time for Pre-K and under beginning June 10th during regular Summer Reading Programs. As well as a few teen (middle/high school) programs throughout the summer! And we are trying our hand at some teen programs! Watch for the announcement!

## Please Say Yes to Summer Reading!!

Enclosed is a donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  Prizes  Programs  Supplies

Or we will always welcome supplies & prizes such as toys, games, brain teasers, gift certificates, candy, books, etc...

Send to Onawa Public Library 707 Iowa Ave, Onawa IA 51040 or call and we will gladly come to you! 712-423-1733 or email [webmaster@onawa.com](mailto:webmaster@onawa.com)

*Level Up at Your Library (June, July, August 2025)*

