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FACTS ABOUT PUBLIC LIBRARIES' IMPACTS ON SCHOOL READINESS AND SUMMER LEARNING

- Almost all – **98.7%** – of Florida’s public libraries provide year-round programming for youth, according to the State Library of Florida.
- Public libraries provide many school readiness and support programs.
- Public libraries work collaboratively and in partnership with other youth serving agencies to leverage and coordinate services.
- Florida’s public libraries reach very young children and their caregivers through Born to Read and other early literacy programs.
- They also offer youth services such as homework help and story times.
- At least 95 percent of U.S. public libraries offer summer library programs to children.
- Studies indicate that children who participate in summer library programs increase both their vocabulary and reading comprehension scores.
- Summer library programs incorporate new and developing technologies, visual literacy and language skills.
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- They also promote socialization by allowing children to share their perceptions gained from reading.
- Summer library reading programs also further promote cultural literacy through the development of overall themes and the use of a variety of materials and cultural resources.
- Both summer library and school readiness programs help develop new readers and library users by fostering the love of reading for reading’s sake.