

CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



960 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021
Telephone: 781-821-5060
Fax: 781-575-6500
www.cantonma.org



Derek F. Folan, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools

To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers, curious and confident learners, and compassionate citizens.

June 1, 2023

Dear Canton Families,

Philosophy

Through our elementary summer reading program we want to encourage a love of reading and provide opportunities for students to see themselves as readers. This matches our instructional vision of teaching students how to build a reading life. Studies show that pleasure reading has lifelong benefits and is a valuable asset in education. You can read more about the benefits of reading in this article [Getting Lost In a Good Book](#).

Student Choice and Inclusivity

Students read more and learn more when they are engaged in reading books of high interest. Our program works in conjunction with the summer reading incentives at the Canton Public Library and emphasizes student choice. We encourage students to choose books where they can see themselves in the stories. The only requirement is that students *read as much as they can and whenever they can*. We are intentionally not linking summer reading to a product, packet or project. Instead, we hope that summer reading can bring about connection, special moments, and rich conversations about books for all students.

In partnership with the Canton Public Library, we invite students and their families to participate in this year's summer reading program, Find Your Voice. The Canton Public Library also encourages everyone in the community to read whatever, whenever, and however works for them. Find Your Voice, which can be accessed [online](#) or in person, is designed to motivate readers of all ages and abilities to read everyday, encourage spending time outside, and inspire thought, conversation, and exploration. Participants in the program can log minutes spent reading, submit book reviews, and complete fun summer challenges to earn badges, raffle tickets, and prizes.

[Click here to check out Canton Public Library's summer reading events and programs!](#)

REMINDER: The Summer Reading Kickoff Party will be held on June 16th from 5-8pm at the Canton Public Library. The whole family is invited to this great start to summer! At the kickoff party there will be music, games, food trucks, and of course, Find Your Voice registration!

*The Canton Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability or homelessness.
Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)*

The Canton Public Library is open six days a week, even during summer, and our downloadable digital collection is always available!

[Click here to learn about getting free ebooks and audiobooks using your library card](#)

It's super easy to get a library card! Simply visit the library with an adult with proof of address and speak to any librarian.

If you have any questions regarding the summer reading program, please reach out to your school's reading specialist or to me at abrams@cantonna.org

Sincerely,
Jackie Abrams
Pre-K to 5 Humanities Coordinator

Rosalea Moore
Librarian for Young Adult Services

Ann Woodman
Children's Librarian

Canton Public
Library

Summer Reading
Kick-off Party



June 16th
5pm - 8pm

Everyone is invited!



The Canton Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability or homelessness. Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)