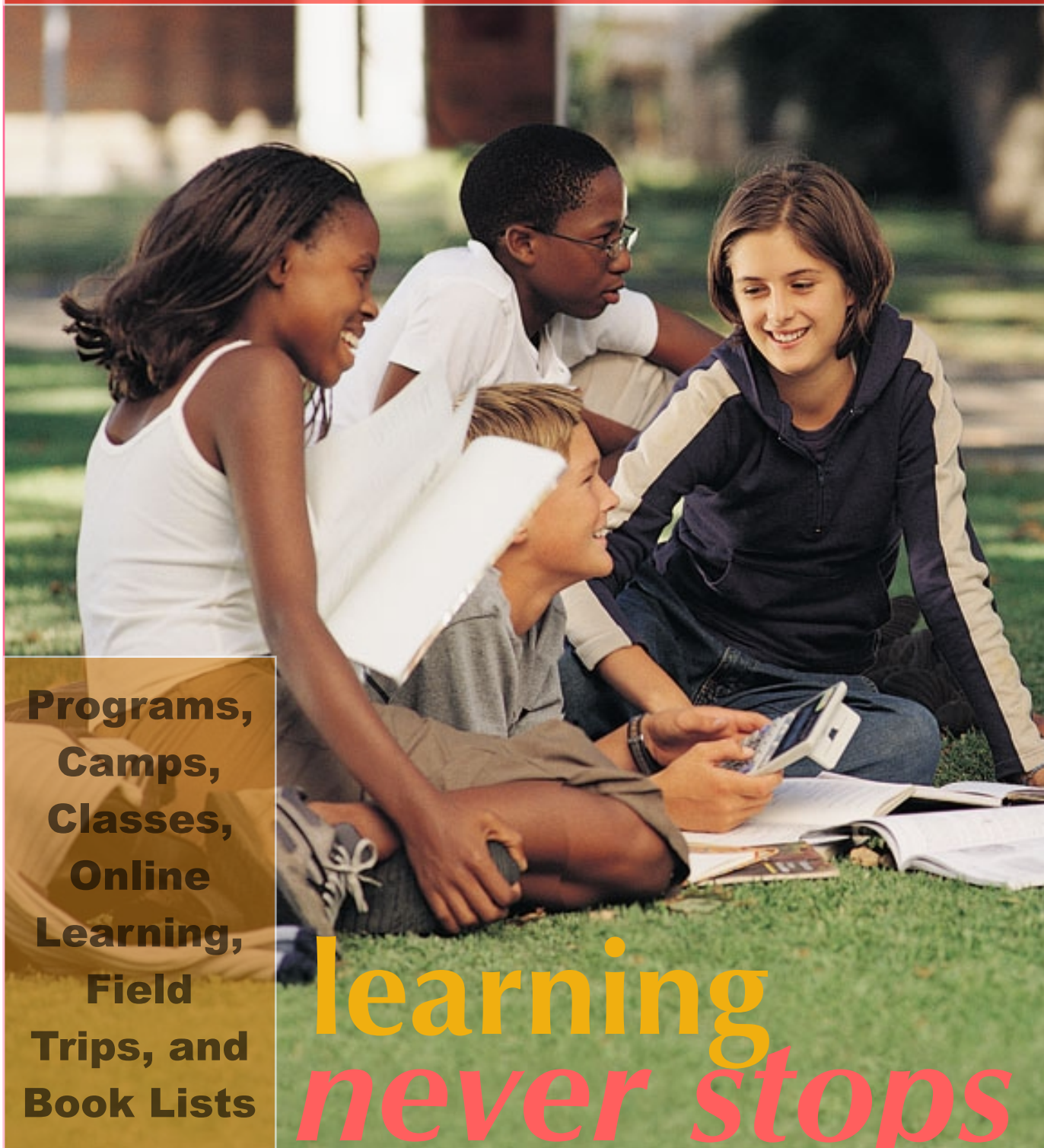


# Grades 6-12 ELA Summer Learning Opportunities



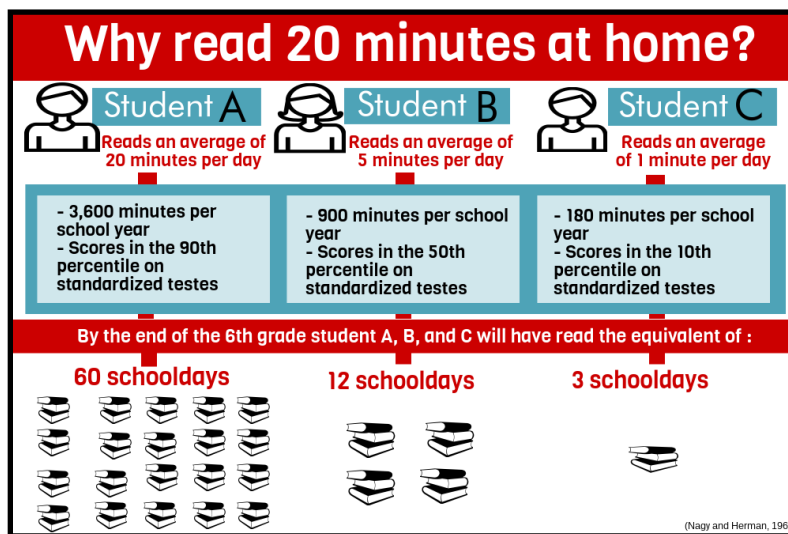
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# SUPPORT AT HOME

- Encourage Your Students to Read 20 Minutes Every Day at Home
- Ask Your Students About The Books They Read
- Read the Same Books They Do
- Start/Participate in a Parent-Child Book Club

# SUMMER ENGAGEMENT



You can access this booklet on the CCS ELA 6-12 Page <https://www.ccsok.us/English6-12> by clicking on the "Parent Resources" Quick Link.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 6-12

### Secondary English Quick Links

- Ohio's Learning Standards
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- Google Tools & Blended Learning
- Plagiarism & Style Guides
- 20 Campaign Tools resources
- Parent Resources

# ● ELA Programs, Camps, and Classes

**Grades 6-12** -**Reading and Writing Skills Programs** offer students a chance to grow their reading and literacy skills in five-week programs. Students have a face-to-face class once per week and continue to build skills through interactive online instruction between the classes. Students become stronger readers and better students. They read twice as fast, make substantial gains in comprehension in both fiction and nonfiction, learn to read and study textbooks more effectively, and enjoy reading more. Go to <http://readingprograms.org/summer-programs/> or call 1-800-570-8935 to learn more about the opportunity and to find a program near you.

**Grades 2-8** -**The Thurber House Summer Writing Camp** is about more than just writing essays. Students will create new worlds, add suspense to their stories, address new poetry prompts using music, nature, and more to inspire their senses, and maybe do a little improv and lots of laughing along the way. The middle school camp is offered July 15-19, July 22-26, July 29-August 2, and August 5-9. The cost is \$225. Go to <http://www.thurberhouse.org/summer-camps> for more information. Registration opens March 1st.

**Ages 11-17** -**Capital University Middle and High School Debate and Film Camps**  
Learn from Capital's Communication and Film professors during this one-week immersive summer camp experience for students ages 11-13\* and 14-17 interested in Film Production, High School Debate Camp, or Middle School Debate Camp.\* The overnight campers will stay in one of the supervised residence halls, be provided breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner, and participate in classes and activities. Recreational activities will be scheduled in the evenings. Overnight residential fees per participant (which includes all meals and fees) will be part of the registration.  
\*Middle School Debate Camp is a daytime only camp for students ages 11-13. The day campers will be provided lunch, snacks, and participate in all classes and activities. Middle School Debate camp fee per participant (\$300) will include all meals and fees. Go to <http://www.capital.edu/creativeartscamps/#creative> for more info and to register. The 2019 dates will be announced soon.

**All Ages** -**Columbus Children's Theater Classes and Camps** offer students the opportunity to build excellent communication skills through acting. There are half-day and full-day camps. There are classes for all ability levels. Pricing varies from around \$200-\$325. Go to <https://reg129.imperisoft.com/ColumbusChildrensTheatre/Search/Registration.aspx> to search the offerings and to register. They have new locations available at YMCAs in Gahanna, Liberty Township, and Hilliard. They have a new offerings called "Play-in-a-Days" and "Audition Workshops."

- Ages 12-17** -**The Columbus Metropolitan Library Volunteer Programs** allow students ages 12-17 to get community service hours by helping customers with programs such as Reading Buddies, Ready for Kindergarten, and Summer Reading Club, or by helping the staff shelve books. The hours will count toward the CCS internship credit for graduation. Go to <http://www.columbuslibrary.org/about/volunteer> to fill out an application.
- PK-Grade 12 Includes Other Disciplines besides ELA** -**The Columbus School for Girls Summer Program** (Bexley) offers boys and girls summer classes in varied subjects. Classes specifically designed for English Language Arts include book clubs, a broadcast journalism class, study skills, ACT/ SAT prep, etc. There are programs for 9 weeks from June 3-August 9th. Half-day classes are \$175 to \$200 and full-day courses range from \$325 to \$500. Go to <http://www.columbuschoolforgirls.org/summer/index.aspx> to see a brochure and to register.
- PK-Grade 12 Includes Other Disciplines besides ELA** -**The Columbus Academy Summer Experience** (Gahanna) offers boys and girls summer classes in varied subjects. Classes specifically designed for English Language Arts include A Way with Words, Character Study, Young Journalists, Media Arts, Writing Across Columbus, and Writer's Workshop. There are 10 weekly program sessions from June 4th-August 10th. Pricing begins at \$105 for half-day classes. Go to <https://www.columbusacademy.org/summer> to see full brochure and to register.
- PK-Grade 12 Includes Other Disciplines besides ELA** -**The Wellington Summer Program** offers camps from June 3rd-August 9th for students from Age 4 through Grade 12. Students can take classes centered on scene writing, speed reading, or studying skills. Class costs range from \$140-\$395. Go to <https://www.wellington.org/student-life/summer/> to see the catalog of camps and to register.
- Grades 4-9 Includes Other Disciplines besides ELA** -**Kids in College** (Ohio University-Lancaster Branch) offers varied classes for students in Grades 4-9. Language Arts offerings include Reading and Literacy Enrichment, Poetry, Creative Writing, etc. There are three sessions: Week I - June 10-14, Week II - June 17-21, and Week III - June 24-June 28. You can take up to two classes per session (\$85 each). Go to <https://www.ohio.edu/lancaster/community/kidsincollege.cfm> to register or to see the classes offered this year.
- Leadership Focus** -**The Ohio Leadership Institute Middle and High School Camps** offer students an opportunity to participate in leadership activities that build leadership skills, foster independent thinking and enhance good citizenship during this residential camp held on the campus of Ohio Dominican University. Campers in leadership groups attend lively workshops, dynamic leadership activities and action-oriented simulations in order to build and enhance leadership skills. The camp dates will be released soon at [http://www.ohioleader.com/?page\\_id=88](http://www.ohioleader.com/?page_id=88). Honor students get an automatic \$25 off registration fees.

# • ELA Online Learning

-**CommonLit** gives students access to hundreds of fiction and nonfiction texts. Each passage has text-dependent questions that align to Ohio's Learning Standards. There are many interactive tools that can aid in comprehension, a guided reading mode, and parent guides for the passages. Accounts are free. Students can access their school account for CommonLit by going to <https://clever.com/in/columbuscity> and clicking on the CommonLit icon. If that link is down this summer, students can go to CommonLit directly (without using their school account) at <https://www.commonlit.org>.

-**NewsELA** allows students to read nonfiction articles on hundreds of subjects that can be accessed at different Lexile levels. Students are able to choose from articles on current events to ones of historical significance. The account is free. Students may already have a login from using NewsELA in their classrooms. <https://newsela.com>

-**NoRedInk** allows students to practice grammar and writing using personalized learning. It is free to sign up and students can explore numerous activities using the "Curriculum" tab. <https://www.noredink.com>

-**Quill** is a site for practicing grammar and mechanics. It is free to sign up and students can explore numerous activities using the "Learning Tools" tab. <https://www.quill.org>

-**ACT Academy** is a site where students can enter their ACT score and get practice based upon skills needed in a personalized learning path. You can also use the site if you are preparing to take the ACT for the first time. <https://academy.act.org>

-**OpenED** is a site where students can study any subject with interactive modules. If students answer items incorrectly, the programmed lessons provide videos and practice on the missed items. Click on "Resource Library" to find the lessons once you complete the free sign-up. <https://www.opened.com>

-**Poetry Reincarnations** is a YouTube channel that takes recordings of famous poets reciting their poetry and uses animations to make pictures of the poets come to life with those recitations. <https://www.youtube.com/user/poetryreincarnations>

-**Pop Sonnets** is a site where popular songs are transformed into Shakespearean sonnets. Students can use the models to write their own poems. [www.popsonnet.com](http://www.popsonnet.com)

-**Annenberg Learner Interactive Spelling Bees** provide virtual spelling bees for Grades 1-12 to help improve spelling and vocabulary. <http://www.learner.org/interactives/spelling/index.html>

-**Vocabulary.com** has over 500,000 word lists that students can interact with to learn new words, practice for the standardized tests, and grow their vocabulary. Signing up for an account is free. <https://www.vocabulary.com>

**-Book Adventure** is a FREE reading motivation program for children in grades K-8. Children create their own book lists from over 7,000 recommended titles, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they've read, and earn points and prizes for their literary successes. [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)

**-Awesome Stories** is a story-driven, evidence-based teaching and learning platform that features over 3,400 Awesome Stories and authored story learning guides with over 100,000 linked primary sources. There is free access to limited primary sources and teaching strategies by signing up at the Bronze level. Membership can be upgraded to include a full-year for \$17 at the Silver level. <https://www.awesomestories.com>

**-Storynory** offers free audio books. It has published a new audio story every week since November 2005. There is a range of titles from fairy tales to myths to classics. <http://www.storynory.com>

**-Read WriteThink** has a “Parent and Afterschool Resources” section with activities, projects, games, tools, tips, tutorials, printouts, and podcasts that are grade-leveled and standards-based. The lessons are written and reviewed by educators using current research and the best instructional practices. <http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

**-EReading Worksheets** provide teachers, parents, and motivated students with high-quality reading worksheets, activities, and resources aligned with Common Core State Standards (Ohio’s Learning Standards). Each activity targets a specific set of skills that cover a broad range of reading, writing, and language arts skills. Everything is ad supported and completely free of cost. <http://www.ereadingworksheets.com>

**-Shmoop** is an online site with over 100,000 courses, test prep resources, and learning guides, to make learning easy and fun. [www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)

**-Poetry4Kids** has hundreds of poems for kids to read and rate. It’s a great way to get kids excited about reading. <https://www.poetry4kids.com/poems>

**-Game On** is a portal to numerous literacy games for middle and high school students. The games help with vocabulary, reading, and test-taking skills. For the middle school games go to <https://sites.google.com/site/gameonlearning/la-middle-school-games>. For the high school games, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/gameonlearning/la-high-school-games>.

**-Brain Pop** has interactive videos, tutorials, and quizzes in all subjects. There is also Brain Pop ESL for English Language Learners. The site may charge for use. <https://secure.brainpop.com/store/step1/>

**-Funbrain** is for kids age Preschool through Grade 8 and offers more than 100 fun, interactive games that develop skills in reading, literacy, and other subjects. [www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

# ● ELA Field Trips

**-Ohio Chautauqua 2019** is a free event that brings historical figures and authors to life. Here is the schedule for this summer: June 4-8 in Defiance, June 11-16 in Milan, June 18-22 in Geauga County, and June 25-29 in Warren. <http://www.ohiohumanities.org/ohio-chautauqua/>

**-Thurber House** can be visited for no charge between 1–4 pm every day except major holidays for self-guided tours. Guided tours are available on Sundays, or by appointment, for \$4 adults and \$2 students & senior citizens. Thurber House is the home of James Thurber, a Columbus author best known for writing "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty." Go to <http://www.thurberhouse.org/hours-location/> to see more information about visiting.

**-The Harriet Beecher Stowe House** in Cincinnati can be visited on Thursdays-Sundays from 10am-4pm. Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children ages 6-18. Stowe is the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Her house is a cultural and historical site dedicated to the abolitionist, women's rights, and Underground Railroad movements. Go to <http://www.stowehousecincy.org/index.html> for more information.

**-The National Road/Zane Grey Museum** in Norwich highlights Zane Grey, the prolific author of Westerns. It is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10am–5pm and Sundays from 1–5pm. The admission is \$3 for students and \$7 for adults or free for Ohio Historical Society members. Go to <https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-and-site-locator/national-road-and-zane-grey-museum> to get more information. There will be a Zane Grey Family Day on April 27th from 1-4pm.

**-The Paul Laurence Dunbar House** in Dayton offers visitors a look into the life of American poet Paul Laurence Dunbar who was the first African American to support himself with a career in writing. The site is open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free. Go to <https://www.nps.gov/daav/planyourvisit/paul-laurence-dunbar-house-historic-site.htm> to plan your visit.

**-The Malabar Farm State Park/Louis Bromfield House** in Lucas allows visitors to see where Louis Bromfield, a Pulitzer-prize winning novelist, wrote his famous books *Pleasant Valley* and *Malabar Farm*. Tours are offered at 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm and cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Get more information at <http://www.malabarfarm.org/things-to-do/big-house-tours>.

# • Book Stores & Lists

-**The Book Loft of German Village**, 631 S. Third Street, has 32 rooms of books at bargain prices and extends for an entire city block. It is open seven days a week from 10am—11pm. <http://www.bookloft.com>

-**Cover to Cover Books for Young Readers** is located at 2116 Arlington Avenue and is open daily from 9am-8pm. Their in-store events include storytime, reading clubs, writing workshops, and author/illustrator visits. Check out their Website for scheduled author visits at <http://www.covertocoverchildrensbooks.com>.

-**The Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award (BCTBA)** site is a place where Ohioans choose nominees and winners for the BCTBA. The books listed on the site are great summer reading suggestions. Students can see the 2018 winners at <http://bcbookaward.info>. Nominations for the 2019 book lists are still being taken at <http://bcbookaward.info/nominate/>. BCTBA will use all of the nominated titles to make the official 2019 Nominees List which will be announced in April. Once announced, students can read the nominees over the summer to be able to cast their votes from September 1st-November 10th.

-**The Ohioana Book Festival** celebrates books and authors with ties to Ohio. The 2019 Ohioana Book Festival will feature 150-plus Ohio writers! It will happen for the first time at Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Branch! There's something for every reader of every age - and it's FREE! Mark your calendar - Saturday, April 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can find information about the event and the authors at <http://www.ohioana.org/programs/ohioana-book-festival/>.

-**The American Library Association 2019 Award-Winning Books** can be found at <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2019/01/american-library-association-announces-2019-youth-media-award-winners>.

