



who read just four books over the summer fare better in the fall on reading comprehension tests than their peers who read one or no books.

Massachusetts has offered statewide online summer reading programs since 2007. Participants register, write book reviews, set goals, and track their progress online. Massachusetts was the first state in the country to offer such a program. On average, 350 libraries offer statewide summer reading each year with over 300,000 children, teens, and adults participating. The Boston Bruins have been active partners and advocates for reading and literacy since 2009, and collaborate with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System to develop reading and literacy programming.

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For more information on Blades visit to the Worcester Public Library contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or [lsheldon@mywpl.org](mailto:lsheldon@mywpl.org). Check <http://www.mywpl.org/> for updates on the Summer Reading program, and for a complete listing of all programs, please visit: <http://www.mywpl.org/?q=classes-events>.

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