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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Summer Reading is for your Students!

Encourage your students to improve skills through reading during the summer months at the public library Summer Reading program. Most students, even those "at-risk," make progress during the school year. Summer is the time they fall behind. Michigan's public libraries provide free, voluntary themed reading programs throughout the summer for families, children, and teens. The 2014 program theme is Science. Programs encourage reading through onsite and online activities that engage children through their personal interests. Libraries also encourage parents to develop family literacy behaviors and provide developmentally appropriate programs for a wide range of ages to create a culture of fluent reading. In many areas, libraries participate with local social service agencies to bring these enrichment programs to underserved children. Your local public library can help your students maintain and even improve their reading skills over the summer. For more information, contact your local public library or go to www.michigan.gov/youthlibraryservices.

If you have any questions, please contact Karren Reish, Library Grants Coordinator, at reishk@michigan.gov or 517-241-0021.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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