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Dear Citizens:

This summer, I would like to encourage all of our citizens to participate in something that is vitally important to the Corsicana children – reading. Marianne Wilson, Library Director, reminded me of the need for all children to read during summer to stem what is called the “Summer Slide.”

The “Summer Slide” is the tendency for students to lose some of the academic gains they achieved during the school year, by not reading during the summer. Children can lose two months of achievement and “Summer Slide” is cumulative, with these losses building up each summer. Throughout a child’s education years, this loss could mean the difference of graduating from high school, continuing to college, or securing a job in a chosen field.

It’s easy to change. Reading just five books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from spring to fall. The Public Library is an excellent, free resource for families to have access to books of a wide range of interests and reading levels. When children select reading materials for themselves, they receive the most gain in reading achievement. Ms. Wilson encourages children to read what they like, and explains that the brain is a muscle, so reading is exercise – like taking your brain for a walk.

The Library’s 8-week Summer Reading Program, “Reading Rocks” began last Saturday and is designed to keep kids’ skills sharp while encouraging a love of reading for all ages. Children and teens who read 40 hours this summer will qualify for the grand prize drawing. The Library’s summer program includes movies, activities and live performances. For more information, visit the Library’s website at [www.cityofcorsicana.com/library](http://www.cityofcorsicana.com/library).

Sincerely,

Don Denbow  
Mayor