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## SUMMER PROGRAMS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!



Join the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR) for two, fun upcoming summer programs! SCGLR is welcoming back the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge (SSRC), and this year, we are introducing...drum roll please.....**THIS BOOK IS COOL!**

**NOTE:** To qualify for **THIS BOOK IS COOL!**, you must be:

- ↪ A resident of Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, or Sarasota counties
- ↪ Entering grades PreK - 3
- ↪ Enrolled at a Title I school or eligible for free/reduced lunch
- ↪ Not enrolled in a summer camp or summer program already participating in **THIS BOOK IS COOL!**

Find out everything you need to know to participate below!



**PARENTS...THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!**



[A Moment to Yourself | Parent PSA 1:24](#)

**Lessons from a Lioness:** [Shalia Hayes](#) recently participated in The Power of Presence in the time of COVID-19 with Joy Thomas Moore. She shared this special nugget:

*"How can a parent get a moment of peace? Joy Thomas Moore says "mommy needs a time out!" Find time for activities together & for yourself! These are the times we can incorporate into moments that will carry us through! [#ThePowerOfPresence](#)"*

**IT JUST MAKES CENSUS!**

**THIS BOOK IS COOL!**



Inspire your kiddos to become confident readers through the Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge and **THIS BOOK IS COOL!**

Reading is one of the most important skills your child can master. There is a strong connection between reading well and overall academic and life success. Research shows that children who do not read regularly can lose two months or more of reading skills over the summer. Reading just six books at the appropriate reading level during the summer can help your child soar during the school year.

SCGLR will distribute books and hand out rewards to qualifying\* children, grades PreK -



[Make Your Family Count | 2020 Census  
Sesame Street \[1 minute\]](#)

The most underrepresented population in the last Census count was children ages 0-4.

Children ages 0-4 benefit from Head Start funding, which promotes school readiness and family well-being; school funding, which pays for teachers, lunches, and transportation (among other things); and Title 1 funding, which helps low-achieving children meet state standards in core academic subjects.

Without these programs, it makes it more challenging to provide the support our children need to succeed. So remember, everybody counts...including the little ones!

## 6 REASONS TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS

1. **Apportionment** - State population counts from the decennial census are used to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

3, who are registered and fully participating in **THIS BOOK IS COOL!** To maintain an active status in **THIS BOOK IS COOL!**, parents must submit a weekly total of the number of books their child has read.

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### What SCGLR provides with Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge:

#### Grades PreK - 3

- **"THIS BOOK IS COOL!"**

SCGLR will provide a series of webcasts entitled **THIS BOOK IS COOL!** Each week, two books per grade level (grades PreK - 3) will be featured. The webcast for each book will include:

- A special guest sharing five reasons why this book is cool.
- Six vocabulary words and a suggested activity that is connected to the book.
- **THIS BOOK IS COOL!** activity

2. **Redistricting** - State and local officials use decennial census results to help redraw congressional, state, and local district boundaries.

3. **Money to States and Localities** - Census totals help determine the amount of funding that state governments and local communities receive from the federal government FOR THE NEXT DECADE.

4. **Planning** - Data from the census inform a wide range of government, business, and nonprofit decision making.

5. **Emergency Response** - Detailed population information is critical for emergency response in the wake of disasters.

6. **A Base for Federal Surveys** - The Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program uses census data in combination with birth, death, and migration data to produce annual population and housing-unit estimates.

guide with step by step instructions for each featured book

- Bracelets and brag tag rewards for the children.

### Grades 4 - 5

- Bracelets and brag tag rewards for the children.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY](#)**



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