

**TEACHER SECTION** (Please have your child's teacher complete this section.) Use additional paper as needed for your responses.

1. What is the approximate reading level of the student? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What approaches and/or materials have been used with this student?

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3. Please comment on the student's progress in reading.

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Please mail the completed application form by June 5 to:  
**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
Summer Reading Program  
Elms College  
291 Springfield Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
Attention: Suzanne René

*Reminder: Apply Early! The program fills up quickly.*  
**Education Department: 413-265-2250**  
**fax: 413-592-7270**  
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Chicopee, MA 01013-2839



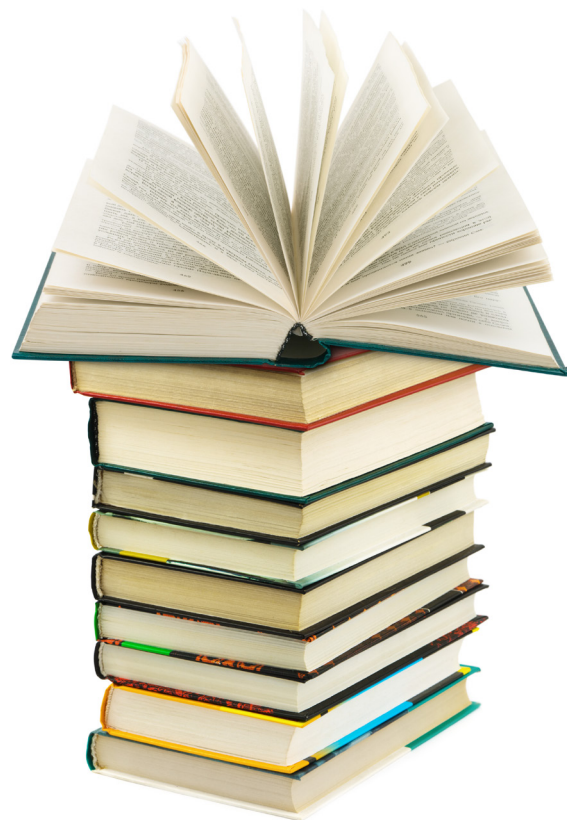
**Summer Reading  
Program**

**June 29 - July 31, 2020**

# Summer Reading Program

Elms College is pleased to announce its 31st annual summer reading program designed to serve children who are having reading difficulties. Staffed by experienced teachers who are finishing licensure requirements as Reading Specialists within the Master of Arts in Teaching program, plus members of the college faculty, the five-week program will operate daily from June 29 through July 31. Children will attend from 9:30 a.m. until noon and work in small groups.

During the program, each child's needs will be carefully assessed so that a program of individualized learning activities can be planned. At the conclusion of the program, a written report will describe the student's strengths and weaknesses and provide recommendations to parents and future teachers.



## MCAS Preparation

*Third Grade and Above*

Once again, an MCAS preparation component is included for students who will be in third grade or above in the Fall of 2020. Reading and writing tasks that mirror those typically found on the MCAS will be worked with for a portion of each week. The goals of these lessons will be to improve silent reading comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction and to improve expository writing skills. Test-taking skills will also be addressed.

## Admissions

Enrollment will be limited to students who will be entering grades 1-8 in Fall 2020. Those interested should complete the enclosed application form and return it by June 5. Applications will be reviewed by program staff and applicants will be notified by mail of their acceptance no later than June 21, 2020.

## Fees

The tuition for the program is \$350. There are a limited number of \$100 Scholarships available, leaving a balance due of \$250. All tuition must be paid in full on or before June 22, 2020.

## Schedule

**Weekdays, June 29 through July 31, 2020**

**9:30 a.m. – noon**

Admission and all facilities for this program are offered on equal terms without respect to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.

## Location

Paulo Freire Charter School  
134 Springfield St., Chicopee MA 01013

The summer reading program will not be in session on Friday, July 3, 2020.

## Reading Program Application Form

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Student Attends \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT SECTION

The staff of the Summer Reading Program wants to provide the most effective service for your son/daughter. The questions below will be helpful in achieving that goal. Use additional paper as needed for your responses.

1. Why do you think your child should come to the summer reading program?

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2. What kinds of specific difficulties in reading has your child had?

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3. Has your child had a vision test? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Has your child had a hearing test? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If accepted, will your child be able to attend the full five-week program? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

We stress the importance of attending the entire program.

To promote the Summer Reading Program, once each summer members of the Elms College Marketing Department take photographs inside classrooms. **Please check the box only if you do NOT want your child's face used in future public program promotion.** The images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, and the web. No royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable by reason of such use.