



The JMC Literacy Project presents:

Summer Tutoring Services for Early Readers

Thank you for your interest in the The Literacy Connection!

The Jake Maxfield Connection is a non-profit organization established to promote Scholarship, Literacy, and Community Service.

The Literacy Connection has 3 primary goals:

1. Provide “Free” Early Literacy Tutoring
2. Provide Free books to children
3. Encourage Community Connections for children and families



Here's how it works....

- Families contact the JMC for support...or, with your permission, your child's teacher passes your name onto the JMC, and we contact you to set up summer tutoring.
- Your child receives free summer literacy tutoring to practice and maintain his or her literacy skills.
- Families of the child receiving services agree to help the community in some small way.

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More Information about the JMC

The mission of the Jake Maxfield Connection is to provide community service, literacy and scholarship support, and to honor the life of Jacob Martin Maxfield.

The organization's goal is to serve others, and to provide opportunities for people to invest in their community and the education of its members.

The JMC provides annual scholarships to Newport High School graduates, a student athlete award to an Endicott College Student, organizes book drives across the United States, and now provides literacy tutoring! The Connection also organizes a community service project every August to provide an opportunity for citizens to connect with one another in a common effort to improve their community.

Please visit our website for more information about our ongoing projects. The JMC encourage everyone to:

Pass it on-Pay it forward and Make a Literacy Connection today!

Top 10 Questions asked about The Literacy Connection Summer Tutoring Services

1. Where will the tutoring take place?

Your child's tutoring takes place at the Richards Free Library on Main Street in Newport.

2. Who will my child's tutor be?

The Literacy Connection tutors are volunteer qualified educators, with many years of experience teaching literacy skills. Some are reading specialists, some are elementary educators, some are from other specialty areas of education. All of our tutors care deeply about promoting literacy and helping children succeed.

3. How often will my child be tutored?

Tutoring takes place twice per week for the month of July. Each session lasts one hour. The tutor and family will make efforts to meet at a time mutually convenient whenever possible. Students work with the tutor for 45 minutes. The student then reads with another adult and is allowed time to check out a book from the Richards Library.

4. Are the tutoring services really "free"?

The JMC is dedicated to Community Service and follows a mantra of "Pass it on-Pay it forward-Make a Connection." The literacy connection asks families for no monetary donation. However, we do ask, in exchange for tutoring services, that the child and his/her family donate 2 hours of some type of Community Service. The JMC has a list to choose from, or families may have an idea of their own to "pay it forward."

5. Are there any other requirements of families to accept these services?

We ask families to enroll their child in the Richards Free Library Reading program (can be done at their first tutoring session). We also ask a family member to read with their child throughout the summer at home.

6. Will my child make progress and get "caught up" if he/she is behind in reading?

When children don't regularly practice literacy skills throughout the summer, some loss of skills occurs. For students already having difficulty, this loss can be significant. The goal of The Literacy Connection's summer support program is to help prevent regression of reading skills obtained throughout the school year. Students will practice the early literacy skills essential for maintaining their present level of performance, though some advancement may occur.

7. How many children in my child's tutoring session?

Whenever possible, your child will have the full attention of the tutor. The Literacy Connection will make every effort to maintain a 1:1 ratio.

8. What if my child has to miss a session?

We ask families to make every effort to attend the regular sessions out of our sincere appreciation of our volunteer tutors. We understand circumstances beyond your control may occur. In this case, we ask families to make arrangements with the tutor to reschedule during the month of July if at all possible, recognizing of course that rescheduling may not be possible.

9. What are the benefits of the program?

- Students maintain the Early Literacy Skills necessary for moving forward
- Students receive a free book each week from the Literacy Connection
- Students establish an early connection with the Richards Free Library and its many services
- Students are successful in maintaining life-long literacy skills necessary for school success.

10. If I have been referred to your agency, is my child guaranteed a place in the Literacy Connection this year?

Unfortunately, because we are making an effort to give students 1:1 attention, our space is extremely limited - so we ask you to call as soon as possible to reserve a place for your child. We will have a waiting list for if more tutors become available. So please call or email us today! ☺

