




# Make Summer Count 2016

## PUBLIC EDUCATION PARTNERS & GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

In summer 2016, Public Education Partners and Scholastic teamed up to increase access to books and opportunities for summer learning for K–5 students in Greenville County Schools. Here are the results for the Make Summer Count initiative (MSC).

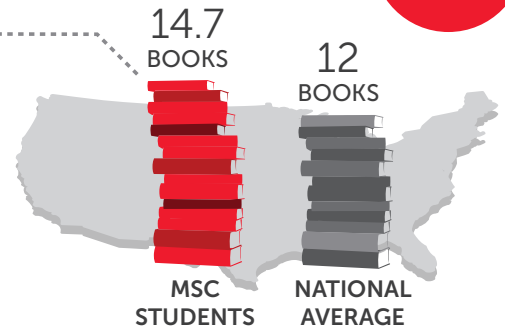
-  **~18,300 K–5 STUDENTS**  
*participated in the MSC initiative*
-  **29 SCHOOLS**  
*classified as high-need*
-  **11 BOOKS**  
*given to each student at the Book Selections*

### Book Consumption

Average Books Read Over the Summer



MSC students read more books over the Summer than the national average\*.



\*National average based on Scholastic's nationally representative Kids & Family Reading Report™ with kids aged 6–11.

### Student Attitudes & Behaviors

Increased confidence in reading after the MSC program.



**82%** of students agreed they were better readers now because of summer reading

### Stemming Summer Reading Loss

Majority of students did not experience summer reading loss.



**78%** of students in grades 3–5 maintained or increased their reading level from spring to fall 2016.

### Family Engagement

Families overwhelmingly found the MSC program to be valuable.



**% AGREE**  
*Children were better readers because of summer reading*

**98%**

*Program contributed to their children reading more books over the summer*

**99%**

*Found Family Reading Nights valuable for learning about how to support their children's reading*

**100%**

Reading stamina doubled

**13%** → **26%**  
Spring                      Fall

Percent of students who read for one hour or more without stopping increased



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For more information about this study, please visit:

<http://edublog.scholastic.com/post/reading-helps-kids-make-summer-count-greenville-sc>

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