READ with the BEES
Welcome to summer reading

Right now, you might be wondering what to do at home. School is out, but you can’t go outside and play on the playgrounds or hang out with your friends. Fortunately, you can participate in the Summer Reading Program with Deseret News, Read Today and the governor’s office. Read 20 minutes a day and you will receive a mood-changing pencil, a book from Seagull Book, a free Happy Meal from McDonald’s and tickets to the Aug. 11 Salt Lake Bees baseball game.

Prizes are subject to availability. If the baseball game is cancelled due to COVID-19, winners will receive vouchers to a future Bees game.

“Wow, what a strange end to the school year! We have had to spend a lot of time apart. Thank heavens books make great companions. We hope you’ll continue reading this summer as life gets back to normal. We are looking forward to an exciting summer with our reading events and we want you to join us! You’ll read some amazing adventures while you’re having fun. Not only that, but kids who read all summer don’t lose ground when they go back to school. In the fall, you’ll be ready to learn and hit the ground running. So when you’re looking for something fun to do, find an interesting book and cool down and relax.

“After you’ve signed up for the summer reading challenge and completed it, you and your family can join us at the Bees game in August. I hope to see you there! Have a great, book-filled summer!”

— Deanie Wimmer

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

— Dr. Seuss

“School has looked a little different this last term as students have been learning at home under the direction of their dedicated teachers and parents. Now, as the summer begins, First Lady Jeanette Herbert and I encourage you to continue reading. We love to read and enjoy reading with our family. We would like to invite you and your family to participate in our 2020 Summer Reading Challenge! I promise that if you keep reading and commit to finishing your education, you will have opportunities in the future to make a positive difference in your family, as well as serve and lead effectively in your community. Enjoy reading this summer and building memories with your families!”

— Governor Gary Herbert
The Salt Lake Bees love to read. But did you ever stop to think about the idea that playing baseball and reading have a lot in common? Sharpening your reading skills is a lot like sharpening skills for baseball. Practice makes perfect.

When baseball season has ended, the players do not become couch potatoes. They must exercise their bodies to stay in shape, just as you need to exercise your brain even though you are not in school. A pitcher would never enter a game without warming up his or her arm, so why would you enter a new school year without warming up your brain?

Baseball is a sport in which having a lot of knowledge and sharp, critical thinking skills leads to success. The best way to sharpen those skills and increase your knowledge base is through reading.

“Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” which is sung during the middle of the 7th inning, was written by two men who had never been to a baseball game.

A baseball in a Bees game usually lasts about 5 to 7 pitches. Where do they go? Some of them — about 50 on average per game — end up being foul balls hit toward the crowd.

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The History of the Salt Lake Bees

1915 – 1925
The Salt Lake Bees began playing in the Pacific Coast League in 1915.

1958 – 1959
The Bees and the PCL returned to Salt Lake City in 1958.

1963 – 1970
Beginning in 1963, the Bees gained their first affiliation with a Major League club, the Chicago Cubs. The Bees withdrew from the PCL after the 1965 season but would return again in 1970.

1971 – 1975
In 1971, the team changed its name to the Salt Lake Angels. Partnering with the Angels in that first season, the Salt Lake Angels won the PCL title, the second in the city’s history.

1975 – 1984
In 1987, Salt Lake’s rookie-level baseball team, the Trappers, won 29 straight games to set a new professional baseball record. Scores of reporters from around the country came to a packed Derks Field to watch the team — which was co-owned by Bill Murray — beat Pocatello 13-3.

1985 – 1992
In 1975, the Gulls was renamed the Gulls in 1975. In 1982 the Gulls became affiliated with the Seattle Mariners. The team was sold in 1984 after struggling financially.

1994 – 2000
After 10 years without a PCL team, the Salt Lake Buzz moved from Portland in 1994, as the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins.

2001 – 2005
In 2001, the team changed its name and affiliation once again. The team would be known as the Stingers and would reunite with the Angels. In 2005, Larry H. Miller purchased the Stingers.

2006
In 2006, the team changed to its original name, the Salt Lake Bees. Today, the Bees have national and local impact. The franchise has been the proving ground for future Major League Baseball stars.
For every 20 minutes a day of reading, you color in a baseball on the gameboard. Once 12 baseballs are filled in, you will be on first base and you’ve earned a mood changing pencil.

Keep reading, marking baseballs and continue to second base. Another prize will be yours, this time a free book from Seagull Book.

Make it to third base and a coupon for a McDonald’s Happy Meal is yours.

When you are on home plate and have finished filling in all of the reading baseballs, you will have earned tickets to the August 11, Read Today night at the Salt Lake Bees Baseball game.

Go to ReadToday.com to submit the game board or fill out the form below.

Watch for your prizes and tickets to the August 11 game in the mail.

Ages 6 – 14 may participate.

If the pandemic cancels the 2020 Bees season, you will get vouchers for a 2021 game. All prizes are subject to availability.

Mail this form by Monday, July 20.

Name: ________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Grade: ___

Email: _____________________________

Parent or guardian’s signature: ____________________________________________

Will you be attending the Bees Game on August 11?  □ YES □ NO

Mail it by Monday, July 20 to:

Read Today
55 North 300 West, Suite 800
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Ages 6 – 14 may participate.
“BEE” A CHAMPION READER

READ & EARN FREE BEES GAME TICKETS!

Finish!

Serve & Earn Free Bees Game Tickets!

Report your reading by Monday, July 20.

Ages 6–14 may participate.

Read Today Night August 11 at 6:30 PM

Smith’s Ballpark

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The boy is trying to hit the baseball to his friend. Draw the path of the baseball through the maze starting at 2 and counting by 2s up to 200.

An easy-to-catch fly ball is often referred to as a “can of corn.” Back when grocers wore aprons, they would use their aprons to easily catch a can falling from a high shelf, which is where the term comes from.
Spot 14 differences between these two pictures. (Hint: a few are pretty small.)
Visiting teams wear (mostly) gray uniforms. This is because back in the 1800s, the visiting teams didn’t have time to wash their uniforms, and so wore gray ones to hide the dirt.

Cryptogram
Can you break the code?

RCVWRCGG OV C YTOMYWGI CDWHOUCT QCDW:

Solution on back cover.
Need some hints?
The first letter is B. The last word is game.
Seagull Book’s Summer Reading List

This summer, when you're looking for something new to read, check out this list of great books Seagull Book has created for readers of all ages. Whatever you choose to read, Seagull Book hopes you'll create your own list of favorite books!

Young readers
• Oh, the Places You’ll Go!
• Where the Wild Things Are
• Skippyjohn Jones
• Fancy Nancy
• The Giving Tree
• Amelia Bedelia
• Where the Sidewalk Ends
• Island of the Blue Dolphins
• Olivia
• The Boxcar Children

Middle readers
• Ramona Quimby Age 8
• Ivy and Bean
• Diary of a Wimpy Kid
• Wonder
• The Goose Girl
• Chronicles of Narnia
• Number the Stars
• Charlotte’s Web
• Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
• Bridge to Terabithia

Advanced readers
• Michael Vey
• Dragonwatch
• Anne of Green Gables
• Harry Potter
• The Giver
• Holes
• A Wrinkle in Time
• From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
• Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Did you know, a pitcher must wipe his hand on his uniform before he holds the ball for a pitch?
Baseball gloves have evolved more than any other piece of the sport’s equipment.

The Salt Lake Bees, a Triple-A baseball team, competes in the Pacific Coast League and is the top affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. Since forming in 1994, the Bees have been to the playoffs 10 times and won the PCL Championship series five times. Many great Bees have become Major League All-Stars. Their home, Smith’s Ballpark, was one of two ballparks on Better Homes & Gardens “10 Best Ballparks.” For the schedule, tickets or other information, visit www.slbees.com.

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