



QUIGLEY KEEPS THE JOY OF READING GOING ALL SUMMER

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Kelowna, BC – The library at Quigley Elementary School is staying open through the summer to give students easy access to books so they can maintain their literacy momentum. The response was positive from the start, with over thirty students arriving on the first morning.

Research shows that when students are not actively engaged in reading and learning for extended periods of time, like the summer vacation, they often experience a "summer slide" in their academic achievement and are particularly at risk for a loss of literacy skills.

To help students avoid the "summer slide" and maintain their love of reading, the Quigley Elementary staff open the library one morning a week for the duration of the holidays. Students can sign out books and even sit and read with a staff member. In addition to books, students can sign out bins of play equipment provided by PacificSport Okanagan to practice their physical literacy skills as well. All the summer services are free to the Quigley student community.

"It's great to see our parents and students reading together in our courtyard," said Principal Des Sjoquist. "While everyone needs the break from regular classes this summer, it's also great to maintain connections to our learning and to each other."