

## **Have You Heard?**

Red Clay is placing a special emphasis on the importance of reading throughout the summer by providing students access to free online books through the MyON and OverDrive programs and by partnering with the Delaware Campaign for Grade Level Reading and Delaware Libraries to celebrate National Summer Learning Day on July 12, 2018.

## **Read More**

This summer, students in grades K-5 will continue to have access to thousands of enhanced digital books at their reading and interest levels through the personalized literacy program MyON. Used during the school year, MyON allows students to read or listen to audio online using any Internet-enabled device. In addition, they can read offline using free mobile apps for iPad, Android, Chrome and Kindle Fire HD.

Families are encouraged to spend time this summer reading and learning with MyON which is available anywhere and anytime. Students can log in to [www.clever.com](http://www.clever.com), click "log in as a student", enter their school name and then "log in with Google". For assistance with passwords or more information parents can contact their child's school.

"The MyON reading program was a resounding success this year," said Dr. Judith Conway, Red Clay Supervisor of Unified Arts. "Students spent 33,262 reading hours finishing a total of 138,491 books. This is an element of our overall goal to help students develop strong reading skills so they can pursue a wide variety of personal interests."

Last spring, the online reading program OverDrive was piloted in Red Clay secondary schools. Initially, Red Clay chose the books in the online collection but now students will be able to make suggestions about books they would like to see added. This fall a full roll out of the program is expected.

Secondary students will have anytime, anywhere access to online and audio books from their phone, tablet or computer. To borrow digital books students will be able to go to their school's OverDrive website: [redclay.lib.overdrive.com](http://redclay.lib.overdrive.com), sign in with their student ID or school login, select a book and go to checkouts to click the read or listen button that opens the book in their browser. By downloading the app they will have access to books not only in the Red Clay collection but from the Delaware Division of Libraries as well.

Red Clay is supporting National Summer Learning Day in Wilmington on July 12<sup>th</sup> by providing free food to adolescents 18 and under and free books to Red Clay students. It will take place at the Woodlawn Library, 2020 W. Ninth St., from 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.

National Summer Learning Day, celebrates the importance of reading and is a national advocacy day aimed at elevating the importance of keeping students learning, safe and healthy. It is a collaborative effort by community partners, government agencies and business leaders to ensure that more children from low-income families return to school in the fall ready to succeed. Red Clay believes that investing in summer learning can open doors and create brighter futures for students.

The online reading programs, along with Summer Learning Day renew Red Clay's commitment to the importance of reading. The programs help to build a community of successful and confident readers who are engaged with digital learning but still value holding a book in their hand.