

Community Unites for Literacy Recovery

Among the challenges families face during the COVID-19 crisis, the potential for learning loss is a top concern. To prevent backslide, educators are aligning around a community-wide initiative: "Reading Checkup" brought forth by Read Charlotte. Today, the organization announces partnering with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and over 60 other local groups to encourage families to assess their child's progress through the free online *Home Literacy Coach*.

The tool helps families determine the current reading levels of students entering Kindergarten through fourth grade this fall. It also provides suggested at-home activities to keep students on track for reading at grade-level.

"Thousands of children in Mecklenburg County are at risk of falling behind in reading due to school closures caused by the pandemic," says Read Charlotte Executive Director Munro Richardson. "This 'COVID-19 Slump' will be compounded by the traditional 'Summer Slump' many children experience during these months. We are committed to guiding families to proven solutions addressing the specific needs of their children and are realistic to manage. Getting a Reading Checkup is the first step in helping our youngest children thrive in these uncertain times."

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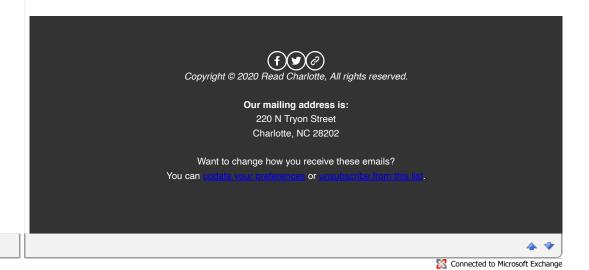


It's time for a Reading Checkup.

Find out a rising K-4 child's reading level and how you can help them improve their reading this summer at **ReadingCheckup.org**

Want to help?

Read Charlotte will partner with local community groups to offer support for families using this resource over the summer. Community organizations or companies interested in promoting Reading Checkup can contact Read Charlotte Communications Manager Elise Esasky at elise@readcharlotte.org.



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