Perry Schools Offer Curbside Lending Throughout the summer

Perry Meridan Schools, located on the southside of Indianapolis, have created a **Free to Read R & R (Remote Reading) project**. This project includes borrowing books for the summer and encouraging students to pass them along, hosting a "Curbside Library & Book Exchange", and hosting a [website](#) of virtual asynchronous engagement.

The school is hosting drive-thru materials collections for students. While families wait in their car for the student’s materials to be brought out from the building, the students are given a flyer promoting the public library **summer reading program** (English on the front, four other languages on the back) which includes a digital reading log and incentives, a comic, and a double-sided bookmark explaining how to engage this summer, and what to do with the books they are being given. Below is a snapshot of the bookmark front and back – bookmarks were printed on bright yellow cardstock and made it oversized (4x11) so that it wouldn't be overlooked by the families.
While the student's materials are being collected from inside the building, a staff member steps up with a greeting from the library, and gives a brief explanation of the program as they hand over the bundle of comic, public library flyer, and school library bookmark.

Then a staff member holds up a sign and invites the student to pick a number matching their favorite genre. Students share their number, then the sign holder hollers that number to another volunteer at a cart of books. Three books are pulled, passed to the sign holder who then displays and chats up the books to the student. The student gets to pick two of the three. Two are handed into the car to take home and
the third goes back on the cart. Below is a copy of the genre sign. Plans are to continue this every Wednesday in June and July.

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