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That was the billboard sign I saw outside an elementary school in Worcester as I drove by the other day. It was an obvious reminder about what many are able to experience during the weeks of summer with a slower pace and a more relaxing schedule. It also served as a reminder to students of how important it is to read throughout these summer months. Although they will agonize over their summer reading until the last page has been read, everyone knows how important it is for young people to keep on reading even when school is out.

Many adults can often find a bit more time to do some of their own reading as well. This is the time of year when people share what books they read with others and are even happy to recommend them.

Not only have I decided to read a couple of recommendations friends have made, I have also followed up on a couple of related suggestions. One is to keep a book with short chapters in the car at all times. Whenever you have five minutes you can read a little and, before you know it, you have finished the book. I am also determined to download a book on my iPad and read it from "cover to cover" or whatever the electronic version of "cover to cover" may be. I hope to catch up on some summer reading with a serious book or two, but nothing beats reading a hard-covered novel from the New York Times bestseller list with your feet sinking into the sand on the beach.

How about you? What's on your list for your summer reading? A couple of books I might recommend for your summer reading are **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr and **The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah.

Wherever you are spending your Fourth of July weekend this year enjoy it and remember to ***relax.....recharge.....and read!***