

Dear Families:

Summer is near! And **this** summer is a unique one—the United States of America will celebrate its **250th anniversary** on July 4, 2026.

To help Utahns mark this milestone, [America250-Utah](#) and the [Center for Constitutional Studies](#) (CCS) at UVU have collaborated to create [resources](#) for teachers and families to use. If you are looking for family learning activities to slow the “summer learning slump,” consider looking [at what we’ve created](#).

One project from CCS is a yearlong program called [UT Together: Reading 1776](#)—and this is not only for kids! David McCullough's *1776* focuses on the pivotal year when American colonists fought for independence from British rule. The intent is for Utah adults and older youth to read a book in common, something we can talk about despite other divides! See our [adult civics reading list](#).

For younger readers, there is a [K-12 reading list](#). Your kids can participate in [UT Together](#) by reading age-appropriate books about the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence.

Whatever way your family chooses to engage, this is a time to celebrate the ideals of the Declaration of Independence—the equality of all people; our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; the rule of law; and consent of the governed.

We hope you will join us!

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