Is your church (or network) ready for SUMMER LITERACY?
If you can check these statements (or even most of them), you might be!

- We care about all children and their ability to learn in school and succeed at life
- We are already in a collaborative relationship with our local public schools
- We have a strong pastor and lay leaders who are committed to engagement in the community
- Our church works with other organizations to understand and meet community needs
- Our church has some great volunteers
- We hear God calling us to “do a new thing” to help kids in our town
- We are willing to partner with The Duke Endowment to test a Summer Literacy program
- We are open to possibly implementing a program that:
  - Runs for six weeks in the summer (Monday–Friday, full-day)
  - Serves 24–36 (or more) early elementary school students
  - Is hosted in our church building(s)
  - Hires teachers who demonstrate excellent reading instruction
  - Provides reading instruction for three hours each morning
  - Provides enrichment for three hours each afternoon
  - Provides a healthy breakfast and lunch to all students
  - Wraps students in love and overcomes barriers to their participation and learning
  - Engages parents and guardians through weekly evening workshops

If your church (or network) could be ready, willing and able, please contact The Duke Endowment’s Rural Church Associate Director Kristen Richardson-Frick, krichardson-frick@tde.org or (704) 927-2250.