Summer Reading

Summer Reading - Why it Matters

About this time of year, my colleagues and I begin to ponder just why it was we chose careers that see us at our busiest in the summer months -- at a time when it seems the rest of the world is looking to kick back and relax. Along with other public libraries around the country, we spend months planning and preparing a Summer Reading Program, we spend weeks visiting area schools and encouraging students in grades K-6 to participate in our Summer Reading Program, and then we have thousands of kids come through our doors eager to pick up a Summer Reading game board and attend special events. Why? Why do we do this? Couldn't we just quietly go about our business and slip away to the lake more easily in June? And then we remind ourselves. We do it because it matters. We invite kids to take part in our Summer Reading Program because studies have shown that "students who participated in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year." (Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap, 2010)

We know that developing and improving reading skills takes practice. The more you read, the better you get. And we know that when kids get to choose what they want to read, they are more likely to read for fun. Yet, when schools close for the summer, many students no longer have access to reading materials that appeal to their interests and suit their reading ability. Your public library fills that gap. Our free Summer Reading Program is all about encouraging kids to read for fun so that they sustain and build a reading habit over the summer. They can choose books, magazines, graphic novels, audiobooks, ebooks, fiction, nonfiction -- they're all included in our summer reading program.

Visit our Summer Reading website for details about our program, or give us a call at 349-3100. But most of all -- we hope to see you here at the library this summer. As we've been reminding kids recently: We're open 7 days a week, including evenings and weekends. In between the other fun things you have going on this summer, we encourage you to stop in to the library and choose something fun to read. We won't even be jealous if you tell us you're going to read it at the lake.

*For more information about the benefits of library Summer Reading Programs, see our **Get Reading, Get Moving** page. And to see how much fun we have with our Summer Reading Program, watch our video: **Dig Into Reading**!*

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Summer Reading at Your Library!

So many opportunities for reading fun this summer as we kick off our Summer Reading Programs. We have something for everyone! See the following Summer Reading websites for details:
Dig Into Reading - Children's Program, begins May 28
Groundbreaking Reads - Teen Program, begins May 28
Or stop in and visit any help desk. We can get you registered for the Summer Reading Program that's right for you. You can also sign up for Summer Reading Programs on the Bookmobile.
Questions? Give us a call:
Children's Services: 349-3100
Adult/Teen Services: 349-3228
Ellettsville Branch: 876-1272
All of our Summer Reading Programs and special events are *free*, thanks to the Friends of the Library!

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Summer Reading - Not Just for Kids!

Don't forget - Summer Reading isn't just for kids! Though MCPL has a very popular and excellent reading program for kids from birth to 12, we have opportunities for teens and adults as well.
Teens ages 13-20 are able to participate in our Dream It - Do It Summer Reading Program. Teens can earn points by a combination of books read, programs attended, computer questions answered and/or book reviews written. Ten points earn the choice of a paperback book starting July 1. All entries will be saved for a grand prize drawing for one of two Kindle eBook readers later in August. Pick up a Teen Summer Reading Program Game Board at the Main Library, Ellettsville, or Bookmobile Information desks to learn more and get started!
Adults are also encouraged to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. There are 6 reading ideas for inspiration and winners will be selected weekly. Enter at the Main Library, Ellettsville Branch, Bookmobile and/or online. **Read more »**
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Dream Big: Read!

Our Summer Reading Program has taken off like a rocket! Our theme this year is *Dream Big: Read!* -- a fun theme with many interpretations. Sometimes, you might want to read simply to escape into a dream world for a while. And, of course, your librarians will tell you that

the ability to read gives you the ability to achieve your dreams, for learning to read enables you to read to learn. We are unabashed advocates of the notion that knowledge is power. Learning about something, learning how to do something can inspire and empower you to act, to do, to become! **Read more »**

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