

Wild About Reading!

Guidelines regarding Funding, Prizes, Volunteers and Presenters for Summer Reading 2019

We are looking forward to Summer Reading 2019 – Wild About Reading – and the opportunity to host the Maurice Sendak original artwork exhibit at the Downtown Library from June 15th to July 28th. By choosing a new, independent path for our Summer Reading program this year, we have some wonderful opportunities.

When you are approached by individuals or organizations about how they can support your location and/or Summer Reading – here's a handy guide to help answer questions.

Please contact DVS with additional questions at X3760

Funding:

- We are currently seeking funding from a variety of sponsors – a sponsor benefits sheet is attached
- The Friends are again our Primary Sponsor for Summer Reading 2019 – they have claimed the “King” of all Wild Things sponsor level
- Our primary need is for financial support
- When approached by an individual or business about how they can support Summer Reading, please refer them to DVS – you can also hand them a copy of the sponsor benefits sheet

Gifts In Kind/Coupon incentives:

- We are open to receiving coupons or in-kind items for prizes as outlined below. The goals in accepting coupons are to not create additional work for staff and volunteers and to not detract from the focus of books as the prize for meeting reading goals. Please have any business interested in awarding coupons or prizes to contact Heather in DVS at x3761 before making a commitment. Coupons could be accepted when:
 - The prize does not have age restrictions
 - The coupons are for something FREE (and do not require a purchase to receive the award)
 - They have a clear expiration date that is at least through July 31, 2019
 - Enough coupons are given so that we can distribute at least a small amount to all locations
 - Each library will determine how their allotment of coupons are distributed during Summer Reading (during programs, as rewards for volunteers, at checkout, at staff discretion, etc.) and they will not be tied to official Beanstack prize level achievements

Volunteers:

- Volunteers are a key component of our Summer Reading program
- Anyone (within our libraries or while working out in our communities) is welcome to encourage volunteers sign up at www.supportmls.org/volunteer
- Teens must have signed parental waivers to volunteers; adults must complete a background check. All volunteers must apply, be interviewed and placed before working
- Contact Heidi in DVS at x3762 with additional volunteer questions

Presenters:

- When approached by an individual or organization about their interest in presenting (or volunteering to present) in our libraries please direct them to express interest at: www.metrolibrary.or/present