

YOUR SECOND 2024 SUMMER READING NEWSLETTER!



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SUMMER READING CHEAT SHEET

- 600 point goal for all ages, same prize selection
- Community Goal: 12 million points
- Prize pickup: June 1-July 31, with grace period until Aug 15
- Read It Forward books donated if Community Goal reached
- Teen volunteers return
- Guests can read past 600 points to earn extra entries for drawing prizes

COMMUNITY GOAL = 12 MILLION POINTS!

- The Read it Forward recipient is the Latino Community Development Agency, with delivery in early fall. Guests' summer reading helps reach the goal of 12 million points and supports the community. Several thousand Read It Forward books will be donated if we reach our Community Goal of 12 million points.
- We will not be able to accept donated prize books at the library level, but you can encourage readers to donate their prizes on their own if they want!
- The delivery of this donation will take place in September.
- To learn more, visit the [Read It Forward](#) page on the intranet.



Important Dates

- **Now!**
 - Pre-registration opens
- **June 1 – July 31**
 - Program dates
- **August 15**
 - Prize pickup grace period ends (unadvertised)
- **September**
 - Read it Forward donation delivered

FAQs

The Summer Reading Intranet and FAQ page have been updated! Information about backdating reading, the history of the program, prize redemption dates and eligibility, and future themes have been added under the appropriate menus to help you find answers quickly when needed.



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Please reach out to OES if you have Summer Reading questions that are not answered here.

Any summer reading questions? Contact engagement@metrolibrary.org

MARKETING

Your Summer Reading posters have been sent out to your locations! Please email marketing@metrolibrary.org if you need any assistance. Activity logs will be available for download soon, and coupons from IHOP will be routed soon as well, so keep an eye out!

TRAINING

Thank you to all new staff for attending your in-person or Zoom trainings and thank you to all staff for viewing the required video training. If you would like a refresher, the training video is available to watch on the Summer Reading intranet page.

PRIZES AT-A-GLANCE

- Upon registration, guests will be awarded a coupon for 1 Free Short Stack of Pancakes from IHOP.
 - Beanstack will notify guests that they can come in to pick this coupon *while supplies last* when they register.
 - Mark this prize as “redeemed” in Beanstack when guests receive the coupon.
- Once a Summer Reading participant reaches their goal, they will have the option to receive:
 - 2 Youth books OR 1 adult book OR a Metro tote bag. Guests cannot mix and match prizes.
 - Mark prizes as “redeemed” in Beanstack when guests come in to claim them.
 - For more information, visit our [Prizes and Drawings](#) on the intranet.
- Entry for the drawing prizes.
 - Logging reading beyond the 600-point goal will earn additional entries for the drawings
 - Drawing prizes will be announced in early August, like last year.
 - For more information, visit our [Prizes and Drawings](#) page on the intranet.
- Prize pickup will take place during the duration of the program, June 1 - July 31, with a two-week (unadvertised) grace period that will end Aug. 15.

OES has begun distributing SR goal prizes (books for all ages), featuring a mix of last year's titles and new ones. Clear Metro totes will also be provided as an alternative prize.

Most libraries will receive a mix of youth and adult titles along with branded totes. Prizes should not be awarded until after the official start of the program on June 1. Instructions for ordering and replenishing prizes will be sent via email in mid-May.

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EARNING POINTS

Participants use Beanstack to track Summer Reading progress, earning points through reading and activities, with tailored activities promoting exploration and literacy, aiming for 600 points for a prize, facilitated by Beanstack's easy sign-up, logging, and recent usability improvements. Paper logs are also always accepted.

BEANSTACK AT-A-GLANCE

For a more in-depth look, visit the Beanstack tab on the Summer Reading intranet.



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Beanstack offers a mobile app, alongside the desktop site and mobile version, to aid Summer Readers. The app simplifies sign-up and logging minutes, boosting participation rates by 50%. It includes features like a reading session timer, barcode scanner, and family reading log management. Available for iOS and Android, tutorials are accessible on the SR Downloads page.

BEANSTACK NAVIGATION

To update passwords, go to People > Find a Person, select the account creator's name, and edit the password in the Account Info box. For backdating reading, log in, add reading to the log, adjust the date, and confirm the prize under "Rewards."



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GETTING STARTED GUIDE FOR ALL STAFF

Visit metrolibrary.beanstack.com and sign up or log in using your @metrolibrary.org email. Only users with this email can access the staff reading account. If not registered with this email, do so and email engagement@metrolibrary.org to update permissions. Your account from last year remains active.

Forgot your password? No problem, use the "forgot your password" feature to reset it. After logging in, if redirected to the admin portion, click "View Reader Experience." Find "Staff Summer Reading 2024 Demo" under Current Challenges. If not visible, email engagement@metrolibrary.org to update permissions.

Register for the program, then log reading and activities. Log 20 minutes for today's reading and complete activities. Add a review of your last book and optionally, a picture review. Edit your profile to update information, preferences, and settings. For further assistance, contact OES at engagement@metrolibrary.org.

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Log in with your @metrolibrary.org or Library-level account. Click "View Admin Experience." If not visible, use your library's staff login credentials. If unavailable, consult your supervisor. For some, Admin Access is the default page.

Navigate to People > Find a Person. Practice finding yourself, then log reading or activities. Redeem a prize by clicking "Redeemed" next to the desired reward after logging enough minutes and activities. Edit your information under "Edit Reader."

To add an account creator or reader, go to Home > People > Add an Account Creator and Reader. Choose Family or Individual, set role as Patron for customer privileges or Volunteer for advanced features.

BEANSTACK TANDEMS

Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) is now partnered with Beanstack, granting all OKCPS students and staff automatic accounts. Through Beanstack's Tandems feature, users can easily link their school and library accounts by opting in during their next login.

This enables logged reading to count for both programs. Beanstack offers an overview of the process, and resources and handouts are accessible for staff and users with questions, found on the SR Downloads page.



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TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Our in-person Summer Reading Teen Volunteer Program returns this summer, with a Volunteer Recognition event scheduled at the Downtown Library on August 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm. For inquiries about Summer Reading teen volunteers, check with your location's Summer Volunteer Super first, and then contact Heidi Port in DVS.

Teen volunteers assist with sign-ups, prize awards, event support, and crafts. Summer Volunteer Supers are ensuring ample interview slots, encouraging recruitment of new volunteers and fostering relationships for a successful summer!

We will be rolling out trauma-informed tips like we did last year. If you would like to review, [please visit this link](#).

Posters advertising volunteer sign-up have been distributed, and locations can customize their own posters using the [provided link](#). Several locations have already reached capacity for Teen Volunteers like Belle Isle, Bethany, Choctaw, Edmond, Northwest, Village, and Warr Acres.

Teen volunteers will receive special t-shirts for their participation. We are also working on making these shirts available for staff to purchase.

[Summer Reading Shirts and Totes for Staff through Bonfire](#)



DISPLAYS

Start brainstorming your Summer Reading Displays! If you would like to be featured in the Summer Reading newsletter, fill out [this form](#) with your reading recs and photos!

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NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS

Neighborhood Arts is back! There will be 8 weeks of arts performances featuring Lyric Theatre Kids' Academy, OKC Improv, Lucas Ross, Oklahoma Violin Ensemble, Groovemeant, RACE Dance Collective, Alegria Real, Clips & Hips Dance, and Painted Sky Opera. Below is a schedule of this summer's Neighborhood Arts programs! More details to come!

Mondays

- 10:30 AM – Northwest *with ASL Interpreter
- 10:30 AM – Southern Oaks
- 1:30 PM – Harrah Senior Center
- 2:00 PM – Midwest City

Tuesdays

- 10:30 AM – Ralph Ellison
- 2:00 PM – Almonte
- 2:00 PM – Downtown

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM – Bethany
- 10:00 AM – Del City
- 2:00 PM – Belle Isle
- 2:00 PM – Choctaw

Thursdays

- 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM – Edmond
- 10:30 AM – Jones
- 2:00 PM – Village
- 2:00 PM – Capitol Hill

Fridays

- 10:30 AM – Nicoma Park
- 2:00 PM – Rodeo Cinema
- 3:00 PM – Warr Acres

Saturdays

- 9:00 AM – Scissortail Park Farmers Market



QUESTIONS?

Consult your Library Management Team with other Summer Reading questions. If your supervisor cannot assist, contact Outreach & Engagement Services. For volunteer inquiries, Heidi Port in DVS is the point of contact. Teen volunteers should consult their teen volunteer supervisor for assistance.