



YOUR THIRD 2024 SUMMER READING NEWSLETTER!

Summer Reading is finally here! Read on for updates!



Beanstack Logins

For generic volunteer and staff logins, please check with Teen Volunteer Supervisors and Library Management Team, who received this information last week. These logins can be used to sign up participants, log reading, and award prizes to guests.

Prize Distribution

OES has distributed goal prizes, including last year's and new titles, plus branded totes. Libraries have a mix of youth and adult titles and can start distributing prizes now.



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.

T-SHIRTS



Summer Reading shirts and totes for staff are available through Bonfire!



SUMMER READING REMINDERS

- **Points:** The goal is 600 points for all ages. Participants can read beyond 600 points to earn extra entries for drawing prizes.
 - Participants earn points by reading, listening, and completing literacy activities, tracked via Beanstack, paper logs, or verbal confirmation. Beanstack's app and website aid readers, boosting participation by 50%, offering features like timers and barcode scanners. Points enhance engagement and accessibility, supporting summer learning and fostering program growth. Tutorials and more info on Beanstack navigation can be found on the Summer Reading tab on the intranet.
 - 5 minutes read = 5 points
 - 1 literacy-related activity = 5 points
- **Community Goal:** Our community goal is 12 million points to donate several thousand books to the Latino Community Development Agency. The donation will be delivered in September. For more, visit the [Read It Forward](#) page.
- **Prizes:** Upon registration, guests receive a coupon for 1 Free Short Stack of Pancakes from IHOP, marked as “redeemed” in Beanstack upon receipt. Once participants reach their Summer Reading goal, they can choose 2 Youth books, (which does include YA titles), 1 adult book, or a Metro tote bag, with prizes marked as “redeemed” when claimed. Prizes can be picked up from June 1 to July 31, with a grace period until August 15. Extra entries for drawing prizes are earned by logging reading beyond the 600-point goal, with winners announced in early August. Prize pickup continues until August 15, with more details available on the Prizes and Drawings pages on the intranet.



FAQS



The [Summer Reading Intranet pages](#) now include information on backdating reading, program history, prize redemption, and more. For questions, contact OES.

Key points: all reading counts, library cards are required only for prize drawings, any prize can be chosen, and volunteers and staff can participate but commission members, library employees, and their households are ineligible for drawing prizes.

For more FAQs, please check our [FAQ page](#).

Any summer reading questions? Contact engagement@metrolibrary.org

TRAUMA-INFORMED TIPS

We're rolling out the Trauma-Informed Tips for Summer Supers like last year!

Why? Being a teen today is REALLY hard and sometimes you just need a coach for encouragement and guidance! As part of summer volunteering, approaching teens with curiosity and authenticity will create a pathway to personal success and healthy workforce development. We can coach teens as they develop healthy life and work habits to help lower anxiety and increase confidence. Summer volunteering is also a great way to combat what the Surgeon General calls "Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation" which is vital to healthy teen development.

One of our goals for Summer Volunteers is to encourage teamwork with staff and fellow teens, building stronger and more supportive relationships. A coaching mindset will help us increase social and emotional learning with teen volunteers. Coaching implies that there is not one right way to approach a situation, and curiosity can help develop problem solving skills and self-motivation. We're suggesting a question to try each week this summer. Use what works for you, and your summer volunteers, but give these a try each week and see if you notice any differences. To quote Mr. Stanier, "Stay curious, my friends!"

Suggested reading: "The Coaching Habit" by Michael Bungay Stanier

"In this inspiring book, Michael shares seven transformative questions to improve leadership and support, turning new information into daily habits." -Dr. Brené Brown, author of "Rising Strong and Daring Greatly."

Now a modern-day classic, this guide by Michael Bungay Stanier, the #1 Thought Leader in Coaching (2019), has revolutionized leadership. This updated edition provides essential tools and insights for adopting a coaching mindset to guide your team to greatness. Discover the Seven Essential Questions to unlock potential in any conversation. Based on training over 100,000 people through Box of Crayons, this audiobook is an indispensable guide to making your next conversation transformational. Embrace more curiosity and less advice this summer.

The Kickstart Question: What's on your mind?



- When teens arrive for their shift, ask "What's on your mind?", and then take the time to really listen.
- Ask for three words that describe how they're feeling.
- Give a notecard, sheet of paper, or post-it note they can fill out and return to you
- Give them three post-it notes to list their three words and have them put them on the wall in the breakroom.

- Why? Teens have indicated that no one asks them what they think and then take the time to really listen. Be there. Be present. If you choose the post-it note option they can see they're not alone in what they're thinking. Others may be thinking about the same things or feeling the same way. This might also offer some insight into their behavior, and facilitate some introspection.
- Remember not to rush in – coaching is about building relationships!

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS

- **The Communications team will be out taking photos at some of our Neighborhood Arts Events!**
- **Below is a schedule of this summer's Neighborhood Arts programs!**



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

- 10:00 AM and 11:00 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

Need a Summer Reading Refresher? Here is a blurb for your own reference, or an elevator pitch to briefly explain Summer Reading to guests!

Summer Reading promotes the joy and importance of reading for all ages. It helps combat the "Summer Slide," where students lose academic skills during the break. Just twenty minutes of daily reading can prevent this decline. Register easily with Beanstack by creating an account and linking your library card, or get a reading log from your librarian. Log your reading minutes, complete activities, and earn badges and prizes like tote bags and books. Every registrant receives an IHOP short stack coupon, and reaching 600 points gives extra entries into exclusive prize drawings. Summer Reading is for all ages, offering activities for everyone's interests and abilities.

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