



YOUR FOURTH 2024 SUMMER READING NEWSLETTER!



READ IT FORWARD HIGHLIGHT

- Our community goal is 12 million points to donate several thousand books to the Latino Community Development Agency. Readers can choose to donate their prizes, but we can't accept donated prize books at the library. The donation will be delivered in September. For more, visit the [Read It Forward](#) page on the intranet.
- About the Latino Community Development Agency
 - The Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA) improves the Latino community's quality of life through education, leadership, services, and advocacy. With 30 years of award-winning service, LCDA values diversity and collaboration. It offers bilingual childcare, health services, family support, treatment for mental health and substance abuse, and youth leadership programs to Oklahoma's Hispanic community.



PRIZE UPDATE

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.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Be on the lookout soon for "End of Summer Reading" posters at your locations! If you haven't received any of your other posters, let COM know.

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



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. Use what works for you, and your summer volunteers, but give these a try each week and see if you notice any differences.

• Try helping teen volunteers stay organized

- Ask "How do you keep track of your volunteer schedule?"
- No plan? Help them with a calendar or notes function on their phone or a paper planner or calendar.
- When they sign out of a shift, ask if they know when their next shift is scheduled.
- Why? Teens may need help to develop and use organizational tools that work for them during volunteering that may translate to better skills in school, work, and life. By writing things down or keeping track of them electronically it will free up brain power.

• Try helping teen volunteers develop a routine around volunteering.

- Identify the steps to be ready for their volunteer shift. For example:
- Arrive on time.
- Put things away.
- Check in at the sign in station.
- Identify supervisor and check in with them.
- Ask for anything that might be different or new today.
- Complete shift tasks.
- When shift is over, notify supervisor.
- Log out.
- Verify next shift.
- Pick up all belongings.
- Steps should be pretty uniform, creating some routines/habits around volunteering.
- Why? Teen volunteers may not see the patterns or rhythms of their volunteer shifts. Creating routines and habits will help relieve stress and anxiety.



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
- **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.

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.