

YOUR SIXTH 2024 SUMMER READING NEWSLETTER!

As of July 29, we 've reached our 12-million-point goal, and we have over 19,100 participants!

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Reading officially ends July 31, but guests can continue to come in to claim prizes through August 15. Please continue to help guests log minutes, pick up prizes, and even register for the program until mid-August.

BACKDATING READING

As guests will still be coming in to pick up Summer Reading prizes into August, you may need easy access to this information! Here are some quick instructions on how to backlog Summer Reading and enroll guests in the program AFTER July 31.

- To enroll a guest after Summer Reading has ended:
 - Log into the administrative side of Beanstack.
 - Search for a person.
 - Under challenges, click "Recently Ended Challenges"
 - Check "Enrolled?" under Summer Reading.
- To backdate reading:
 - Log into the administrative side of Beanstack.
 - Search for a person.
 - Add to log.
 - Change date in last field to July 31 (or any date in challenge scope).
 - Confirm under "Rewards" that prize shows up as earned.
- All reading that was done between June 1 - July 31 counts for the program, even if they did not enroll during the challenge timeframe. You can batch log up to 10 hours at a time and do not need to use specific titles or authors read. We will continue distributing prizes until August 15. Thank you for helping us find ways to say "yes!" and make sure everyone receives their prizes.
- Participants can still sign up between July 31-August 15.



READ IT FORWARD



Our community goal is 12 million points and we've reached our goal! Several thousand books will be donated to the Latino Community Development Agency in September. For more information, visit the [Read It Forward](#) page on the intranet.

COMMUNICATIONS

"End of Summer Reading" 24x36 and 11x17 posters have been distributed to your locations. You are welcome and encouraged to put them up at your location if you haven't already. Half-sheets are available to [download here](#). Please let COM know if you have not received yours.

NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS RECAP (IN PHOTOS)



RACE dance at
Capitol Hill



Painted Sky Opera at
Downtown



Violin Ensemble at
Downtown



Clips and Hips at
Rodeo Cinema

RETURNING SUMMER READING PRIZES

In early August, expect an email with specific directions for the counting and returning of summer reading books and totes. Locations can keep youth books (BB-YA) for future giveaways. Totes and Adult titles will need to be returned. An inventory sheet and directions on where to route items will be in the email coming soon.



TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Thank you all for your hard work this Summer!!! For questions about Summer Reading teen volunteers, first check with your location's Summer Volunteer Supervisor, then contact Heidi Port in DVS.



Teen volunteer Heidi Zorilla strikes a pose for the FY2026 Teen Volunteer calendar shoot! More info coming soon!

Wrap Meeting and Set Up:

- **Date: Thursday, August 1**
- **Time: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.**
- **Location: DN**
- Details: Teen Volunteer Supervisors bring their favorite wrap ingredients to share (savory or sweet). We'll eat from 12:30 - 1:30 pm and then meet to discuss feedback for next year.

Summer Volunteer Recognition Party:

- **Date: Friday, August 2**
- **Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
- Details: Invites went out July 10 with RSVP options for volunteers and their guests (friends 11-18 years old). Parents and younger siblings can use the karaoke room, but activities, events, and food are for volunteers and their friends. Contact Heidi with any questions or concerns.

Coming in August:

- Ending Certificates: Sent in mid-August with total hours for summer volunteers. Available on the Volunteer Supervisor's SharePoint for printing extra copies.

THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING SO SPECIAL!

Moving Forward:

Already thinking about next Summer? Here are those upcoming themes!

- 2025: Color Our World (art)
- 2026: Unearth a Story (dinosaurs)
- 2027: (mystery/detective/suspense)