



METAMORPHOSIS

A CHANGE FOR TEENS AT THE LIBRARY

One of the Metropolitan Library System's fastest growing programs is the Summer at the Library series for teens, and 2008 should set a record for participation.

"We haven't had a summer program for teens in place nearly as long as the one for children," said MLS Young Adult Services Coordinator Emily Williams, "but we have one now and it's growing faster than unmowed grass."

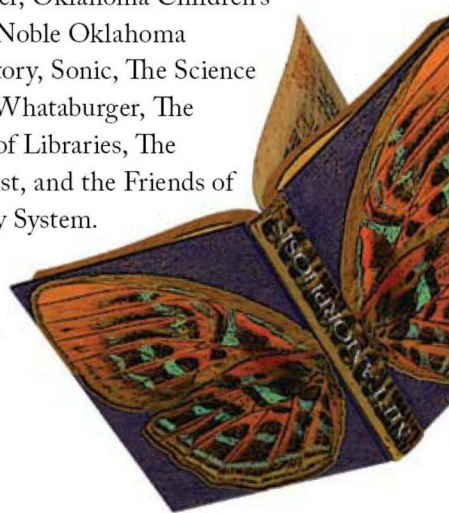
Signing up for the program, which this year is called Metamorphosis, is easy. Teens can drop by their neighborhood library and take care of a little paperwork. When they register, they'll receive some cool prizes—like a drawstring backpack with the Metamorphosis logo and a free pass to the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

"And the sign up prizes are just the beginning," Emily added. "When each teen reaches the first reading goal, he or she will receive a cool travel mug, and El Chico and Whataburger coupons. At Goal 2, they win two Oklahoma Redhawks tickets for the August 5th home game against the Tucson Sidewinders, and coupons from Sonic and Pops."

What are the goals? Just remember: 8, 8 or 800. For each goal just read or listen to 8 books, 8 hours or 800 pages. It's that easy. With each goal met, the Metamorphosis participant gets to enter one time for one of the End of Summer grand prizes—a Nintendo DS, LaserQuest passes, a \$25 VISA shopping card, and more!

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So teens, get on board. You have nothing to win but stuff—and some pretty great stuff at that!



Year in, year out, your Metropolitan Library System's Summer at the Library reading program for children is our most successful series of events. Even with the daunting competition we face from video games, TV, and blockbuster movies, every summer thousands of kids choose to be readers for the months of June and July. Pardon what we consider to be some well-deserved back-patting, but we're pretty darn proud of ourselves for finding new ways to keep the kids coming back for more.

We like hearing from kids and their parents and caregivers that they know how important it is to read over the summer. It's surprising how quickly even good readers can start to lose the skills they've developed over the school year. There's certainly nothing wrong with kicking back during the summer with some cool games, music and movies—MLS will continue to sponsor game nights at the library all summer long, and you know we have boocoos of CDs and DVDs for kids—but it's the reading skills that need to be carried over from one school year to the next.

Lots of kids read on their own but, hey, why not join with us and earn some terrific prizes while you read? It's as easy as falling asleep during a televised golf tournament.

To register, just stop by your neighborhood library and fill in a sign up card. What? Did I hear someone ask about sign up prizes? Of course we have prizes! In fact, we have prizes to take you all the way through the summer. Here's how that works:

To complete Goal 1 you need to read eight or listen to eight books, *(and if you're just a wee tot, it counts to have someone read to you)* or read 800 pages. Do it again to reach

Goal 2—and keep doing it to complete as many Goals as you want.

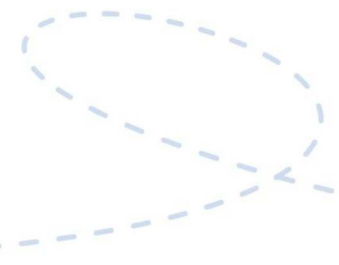
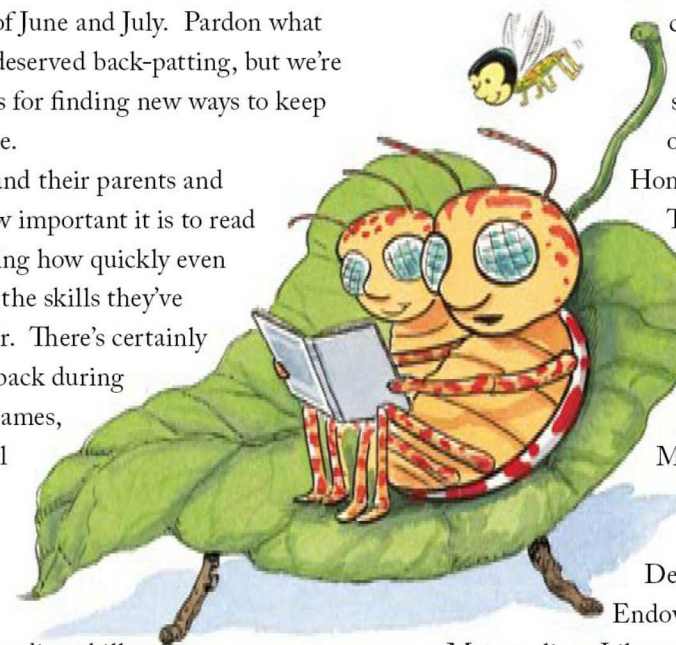
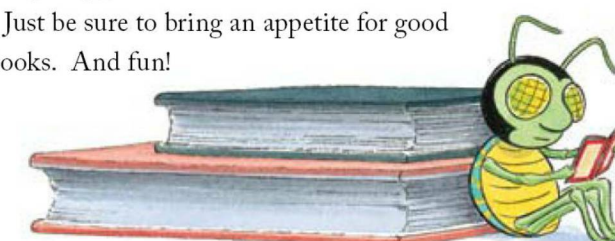
The advantage to finishing as many Goals as possible? At the completion of every Goal you get to enter your name for prize drawings. The more Goals you reach, the more chances you have to win.

And the prizes are fabulous! Our sponsors include: The Arts Council of Oklahoma City, El Chico Cafes, Home Town Buffet, Laser Quest, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Daily Oklahoman, The Redhawks, Oklahoma Arts Council, Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma Children's Theatre, Pops, The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Sonic, The Science Museum of Oklahoma, Whataburger, The Oklahoma Department of Libraries, The Library Endowment Trust, and the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System.

And, as always, they'll be a few surprises along the way, including performances by The Lucky Penny Players, Joe Hayes, Rhythmically Speaking, Adam Ledbetter, The Sugar Free All Stars, Al Bostick, and Big Magic Book.

So kids, Catch the Reading Bug this summer at the library. Bring your brothers and sisters. Bring your whole family. Bring your friends. Bring your enemies (we like everybody!).

Just be sure to bring an appetite for good books. And fun!



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