

Summer Reading at Patten Free Library 2023

*All
Together
Now*



Who can participate?

Anyone! Everyone! Our summer reading program is for year-round and summer residents of our service area (Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, West Bath, or Woolwich) of all ages and/or for any RSU 1 student.

When does summer reading start and end this year?

You can start logging your reading and activities on **Friday, June 16**. The final day to submit any completed logs will be **Friday, August 18**.

How do I start?

Pick up a log at the library or download a printable version on our website. Then, color a stepping stone every time that you complete an activity from the list of choices on the log. That's it!

Do I have to do all of the activities listed on the log?

Nope. Pick any activity from the list to get started. Repeat favorite activities. Do all reading. Do all writing. Do a combination. Mix and match to your heart's content until you've colored all of the stepping stones.

When I'm reading, does it matter *what* I read?

Nope. Read any format that you like (e.g. print books, ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels). The only rule is that you must read for 15 minutes in order to mark a stepping stone on your log.

How can I submit a completed log?

You can return your log and pick up your prize at either the Children's Desk or the Reference Desk anytime during our open hours.

How many logs can I submit?

As many as you like.

Are there prizes?

Yes! When you submit your first completed log, you will receive a coupon for one free item at *The Library Bookstore*. Additionally, every time you submit a log, you will be entered in our end-of-summer raffle for five \$25 *Gift of Bath* cards.

How will I know if I won a raffle prize?

We will contact the raffle winners by Monday, August 28.

How can I find materials to read?

Come browse our shelves to find books, magazines, audiobooks, and graphic novels to meet your needs. Or ask for recommendations or reading lists. We love to help!

We also have thousands of digital e-books, e-audiobooks, e-comics, and e-magazines available for all ages on our digital platforms: *cloudLibrary*, *Comics Plus*, and *Flipster*. Visit our website or our Reference Desk for more information on how to access them.

Why does Patten recommend reading for 15 minutes a day?

When a young person reads at least 15 minutes a day, there is a measurable change in reading fluency, vocabulary, and academic growth. An analysis comparing the engaged reading time and reading scores of more than 2.2 million students found a breaking point at 15 minutes; those who read 15 minutes or more a day saw accelerated reading gains (gains higher than the national average), and students who read just over a half-hour to an hour per day saw the greatest gains of all.

Added benefits of reading every day? Reading reduces stress and helps develop empathy. It's a comforting routine. Even though it seems like a solitary activity, reading helps us create a sense of community around cherished images, stories, and ideas. And reading lets us travel far without ever leaving home.

Other questions?

Don't hesitate to reach out to us at the phone or email below if you have further questions.

