

Summer Reading at the Platt Memorial Library

Here's everything that happens:

6 weeks of kid activities, which anyone can attend. Activities are:

Mondays and Wednesdays-

Preschool storytime

Free Lunch (through Hunger Free Vermont, USDA Summer Lunch Funding, ANESU Summer Lunch program)

Youth program (usually a Maker-style activity)

Thursdays-

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Saturdays-

Drop-in Craft

Special programs after the library closes

Reading Incentive Program- During summer reading, kids keep track of the number of books (little kids) or 20-minute units of time (older kids).

- Weekly check-ins to get: a charm for their bracelet, a sticker, a temporary tattoo, and a bookmark.
- Kids who collected 4-6 charms could come back during August and get a Maker project in a bag to take home.
- All kids who meet reading goals (at least 5 books or 100 minutes) get a raffle prize at our final party. Last year we had 53 kids who met reading goals.
- During check-ins, library staff record the number of books read on the big board. When we meet different goals *as a community,* all kids have access to group prizes.
Examples of group prizes we've used in the past: Button Machine, Ice Cream Toppings Bar at Final Party, Teddy Bear Sleepover Event, Kid-voted Movie Night, Bounce House at our Apple Fest Event, Book Dominoes set up in the Library, Free Creemee cone at our Local Gas Station to all Summer Reading Participants, Tie-Dye at the Final Party, Library Lock-In. These extra events happen in August and September, when our programming is light.
- All kids who meet reading goals get an invitation to the final party and raffle drawing. Prizes are assigned beforehand in an elaborate balancing act so that everyone gets something.
- This past year we ran 3 events for the final party, which was a big success. A little kid party (ages 3-7) which featured 4 activity stations (box maze in the basement, photo booth with props, LEGO building, and make a Maker kit to take home. The second event was raffle prize drawing and give away with an ice cream topping bar. The third event was an older kid party (ages 8 and up) which was an escape room challenge.
- We also run a reading program for adults—they submit reviews during our 6 weeks for what they're reading or listening to and are entered into donated raffle prize drawings for local restaurants.
- We also have a reading challenge sheet which prompts adults and kids to read different types of books. If they complete the sheet by the deadline, they can turn it in for a donated prize.