Summer Reading 2024

Adventure Begins at Your Library!

Summer Reading is happening at the Orange County Public Library **June 8 - July 27.** This summer is filled with exciting activities and programs for all ages. Earn fantastic prizes as you track your reading and enjoy fun events all summer long. Don't miss out on the adventure—there's something for everyone!

For Kids

How to register

Visit the library anytime starting June 8th to register babies through kids completing 5th grade for Summer Reading! Follow the adventure path from the front doors to the Youth Services desk to get started. Upon registering, participants receive a free book to keep and a reading log to track daily reading minutes.

Track your reading minutes

Visit the library each week with your log to submit your minutes and pick a prize! Not able to come every week? No worries! We will give kids prizes for each week that has reading time and is not yet marked off through July 27th. The first time they submit minutes they will be entered in our grand raffle basket giveaway for the end of the summer! This year we have doubled our prizes and have a variety of grand prize basket options to choose from! **Minutes must be entered before July 29th to be entered in the giveaway**.
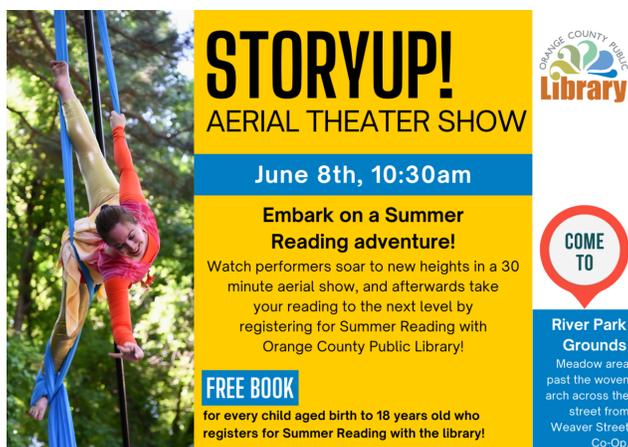

What counts?

Lots of things count as reading!

- Reading your own book (book, ebook, magazine, comic strip, cereal box, etc.)
- Listening to an Audiobook
- Having someone read to you
- Watching an online/video Storytime or Read Aloud

Which programs are for me?

While the library's family programs are open to all ages, many programs are designed for a specific age or grade range. Establishing age and grade ranges allows us to plan programs that are appropriate for each range of child development, maintain quality in our programming, and promote fairness to all. For all of our Summer Reading programs, children should attend the program for the grade level they are currently in or the grade level they just finished. For example, rising kindergartners will join K-2 Programming after September 2nd.

Special Programs

Storyup! Aerial Theater Show: Watch Storyup! Aerial Theater soar to new heights performing their Aerial Aesop's show, and afterwards take your reading to the next level by registering for Summer Reading. Every child aged birth to 18 years old will receive a free book for registering!

All are welcome to join us for this 30 minute aerial show in the meadow area past the woven arch across the street from Weaver Street Co-Op.

Saturday, June 8 | 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | River Park Grounds

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Let's kickoff Summer Reading!

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Adventure of the Lost Treasure with Science Heroes: Calling all elementary schoolers and their families! Join Science Heroes for an interactive and exciting STEM show that combines the magic of stories with the wonders of science!

In this 45 minute program, take a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! Help to act out the tale to explore several exciting science concepts such as air pressure, energy transfer, physical vs. chemical changes, and more!

Monday, June 17 | 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

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I love STEM!

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Wild Tails NC (Grades K-5): Join us to get "Wild About Conservation" with special guest, Wild Tails NC! Meet 5 different animals and learn about efforts to save them in this interactive program for school age children!

Registration opens June 18th and is by phone only. To register, call (919) 245-2532.

Wednesday, July 10 | 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Main Meeting Room

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I'm wild about conservation!

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Wild Tails NC (Pre-K and toddlers): Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to meet live animals and learn about

them in this interactive program!

Registration opens June 18th and is by phone only. To register, call (919) 245-2532.

Monday, July 15 | 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

I love animals!

Intergenerational Storytime: Orange County Public Library is bringing storytime to the Passmore Center! Preschool aged children, along with their caregivers, and local Seniors are invited to a fun-filled interactive program. Enjoy stories, songs, and activities to create timeless friendships. **Registration is required for this program. To register, please call (919) 245-2015.**

Wednesday, July 18| 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Passmore Senior Center

Yay for storytime with new friends!

Snoball Summer Reading Celebration: Celebrate a summer of reading adventures with us! Summer Reading participants are invited to drop-in at Orange County Public Library for a Pelican's SnoBall!

Participants will visit the Youth Services desk (Birth - 5th grade) or the upstairs desk (6th-12th grade) to receive their Pelican SnoBall ticket. Tickets can be redeemed right outside the library at the Pelican SnoBall stand for a free SnoBall.

Saturday, July 27 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Main Library Parking Lot

Let's celebrate!

For Teens

June 8 – July 27

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How to register

Patrons who have already completed 6th - 12th grade can stop by the upstairs desk to register for Teen Summer Reading. Upon registering, teens will receive a free book and a map themed log to keep track of their reading and volunteering minutes for the summer.

Track your reading and volunteering!

Teens are invited to use the log to keep track of reading and volunteering minutes from June 8th through July 27th. Throughout the summer when teens visit the library with their log, they can pick a small weekly prize (while supplies last) for each week reported, whether they decide to visit the library weekly or less frequently. Teens can also fill out comment card(s) about books they've read or volunteer activities they've completed to be entered to win one of 3 larger raffle baskets. **Submit your minutes by July 29th.**

What counts?

Reading:

- Reading your own book (book, ebook, magazine, graphic novel, manga, etc.)
- Listening to an Audiobook
- Having someone read to you

Volunteering:

- Volunteer work
- Community service
- Other unpaid help to others

Which programs are for me?

Teen programs are designed for patrons who have already completed 6th-12th grade. We are excited to have rising 6th graders join Teen Programming after September 2nd! Kids just finishing 5th grade will continue to participate in the K-5 Summer Reading Program and weekly programs until that time.

Special Programs

Waffles and PJs Movie Night: Join us for an exciting after hours event! We are going to take over the library's meeting room, chill in our PJs, stuff our faces with waffles, and watch a movie. Blankets, pillows, and other comfy items are encouraged but not required. Participants and staff will be in the Meeting Room for the duration of the program. The movie will be decided by majority vote the night of the event. **Registration is required for this program. The deadline to register is Thursday, June 13.**

Friday, June 14 | 5:30 - 7:35 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

I love waffles!

Creative Writing Workshop: Author John Claude Bemis will be teaching a writing workshop at the Orange County Public Library. Join him to learn new skills for creating exciting characters, plots, and individual scenes. A fun way this summer to get creative and foster storytelling skills in a friendly, supportive environment. Participants will not be required to share their creations with the group. **Registration is required for this program and will open on June 11 at 8 a.m.**

Thursday, July 11 | 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

I can't wait to learn new writing skills!

Teen Lock-In: We are going to take over the library! Come and hang out with us for a few special hours after the library has closed its doors to the general public. You and your fellow teens will have the run of the library while we play games, compete in challenges, hang out, and eat pizza.

Registration and parent permission slip required for each attendee. The deadline to register is Thursday, July 18.

Friday, July 19 | 5:30 - 9:45 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

[Sounds exciting - I'm in!]

Wild Tails NC: Teens (and their parents/guardians) are invited to meet live animals and learn about them in this interactive program!

Registration begins on Sunday, June 23 at 8:00 a.m. Please register each person who plans on attending this event, teens and adults.

Tuesday, July 23 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Main Meeting Room

[I want to learn more!]

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