

2020 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

IMAGINE YOUR STORY!

Frequently Asked Questions –Youth Summer Reading Program

What is the purpose of the Youth Summer Reading Program?

Children and teens who read throughout the summer maintain (or strengthen) their reading skills, which can ease the challenges of their coursework when school resumes. Young people who read every day are also more likely to become lifelong readers and learners.

What is the cost to participate?

The Summer Reading Program is free of charge and open to all, and is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Drayton McLane, Jr., Wilsonart Engineered Surfaces, and Extraco Banks.

Do I need a library card to participate?

No, but we encourage you to get a free library card to take full advantage of the services we offer. Library cards are available to ages four and up.

What books am I required to read? Do they need to be library books?

We encourage you to read books that you enjoy, and they do not need to be library books. The Youth Services Librarians can help if you need suggestions.

My child isn't reading yet. Why should we participate?

Research shows that reading to children from birth promotes brain development, builds vocabulary, and strengthens the bond between children and their parents or caregivers.

Our family is vacationing out of town this month. Are we still eligible to participate?

Yes! Just continue logging your time spent reading, and we will distribute your incentives when you return to the library. We will distribute incentives through August 23.

I work at a child care center. May the children in my care participate?

Yes! Contact us at 298-5557 or egaines@templetx.gov about administering the Summer Reading Program at your facility.

May I register online?

Yes, you may register at temple.beanstack.org or using the free Beanstack Tracker app.

May I participate even if I don't have a smartphone?

Yes! We offer paper logs as well. You can download a log from templetx.gov/summerreading

I lost my reading log.

No problem! Pick up another one at the library or just log your reading on a sheet of paper. Other questions? Please call us at 298-5557.