2021

## DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY Summer Reading Program



JUNE 7 - JULY 17, 2021 Registration begins May 3rd

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Dixon Public Library Youth Programs

# How can I be a part of the SUMMER READING PROGRAM?



#### Option #1

The best way to participate in the summer program is to have a library card. The Summer Reading Program is FREE to those with a Dixon Public Library card in good standing. All residents living within the city limits of Dixon are entitled to library cards. To get your library card, simply bring your driver's license or other proof of address to the circulation desk.

For children, a parent's ID will suffice. Those children whose families live outside the city limits of Dixon and have purchased a \$75 non-resident library card may also participate for free.

This card is good all year long and not just during the Summer Reading Program. Youth in grades K-12 who are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches under the National School Lunch Program may receive a library card regardless of whether or not they live within the city limits.

When applying for a non-resident card, the qualifying student must present to the library documentation from the school or school district that indicates his/her eligibility for free or reduced price lunches.

Having a library card is the preferred option because it allows you to participate in ALL the parts of the program, including checking out books from the library.

#### Option #2

If you live outside the city limits and purchasing a non-resident library card is not within your budget right now, you can still be a part of the fun by signing up for a Summer Reading Program Participation Card. This card allows you to participate in many aspects of the program, but you will be unable to check out books from the library.

**Questions?** Call (815) 284-7261 Ext. 2, or stop by the Youth Library.



What things can I do once I'm signed up for the SUMMER READING PROGRAM?

Once you have signed up for the program you can pick and choose from a variety of fun things to do. It's up to you how many things you choose to do based on your interests and schedule. Below is a list of some options and the age groups they are designed for.

#### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### Monday Family Programs

Our performers are all offering virtual programs again this year. These performances will be presented through links on our Dixon Public Library-Kids Facebook page. Watch for information on the specific performances in our weekly brochures. All ages are welcome.

#### Tuesday Drawing Tutorials

Because our theme is "Reading Colors Your World" we couldn't pass up the chance to invite Artist Dan Laib to offer weekly tutorials using simple materials you have at home. Anyone can view the tutorials from our Dixon Public Library-Kids Facebook page, but the first 50 participants who sign up for the program at our youth circulation desk will receive a free drawing kit with all the materials you will need to complete the weekly art tutorials. The tutorials are geared towards children ages 8 and up but younger children are welcome to join the fun if they would like.

#### Wednesday Craft and Activity Bags

We will once again be offering our popular weekly craft and activity bags. Please email kathleen.schaefer@dixonpubliclibrary.org or call 815-284-7261, ext. 2 to reserve your bag. Watch for more information in our weekly brochure. All ages are welcome.

#### Thursday STEAM Challenges

Each week we will release a short video on our Facebook page explaining how to do a simple science activity with materials you have at home. Watch for more information in our weekly brochure. All ages are welcome, but younger children may need adult assistance.

#### Thursday Middle School and High School Book Clubs

Once again this year we will be offering two separate book clubs for youth to participate in. The "Not Just A Book Club" group is for youth ages 11-14 and "Readers Unscripted" is for high schoolers. These groups will meet bi-weekly on Thursdays either online or in person if conditions permit. Youth will receive a free book for each meeting and must sign up for the individual weeks in which they wish to participate. Call the library at (815) 284-7261, ext. 2 or email Channing at channing.stoudt@dixonpubliclibrary.org for more information or to sign up.

#### Friday Storytimes

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for online storytimes on our Dixon Public Library-Kids Facebook page. If conditions allow, we may offer "Storytime in the Park" at some point during the summer. Watch for more information! These storytimes are geared towards toddlers and preschoolers.



#### Activities You Can Do Throughout the Six Weeks of the

#### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

## Check Out Books and Participate In Programs

Children registered for the Summer Reading Program may enter the drawing each week for a chance to win prizes. Each time participants check out books they will receive a chance to enter the drawing.

There is a limit of one entry per checkout per day. We will contact you if you are a winner! Our marble run will return once again this summer! When you return books you've checked out, we'll give you one marble per book to put in our marble run.

#### Bookpoints Online Reading Program

This is the central location to find out everything that is going on at the library during the Summer Reading Program. Visit dixonpubliclibrary.bookpoints.org for more information and to sign up.

## Read and Complete a Reading Log

Children who have registered for the Summer Reading Program may complete a reading log to earn prizes. The easiest way to do this is with our online Bookpoints program. When you sign up for your Bookpoints account you pick a level based on your age and are assigned a reading goal. The program will track your minutes based on what you enter and let you know when you have earned a prize. If you prefer to track your reading time on a paper log, you can pick one up at the library and keep track that way. Library staff will make a Bookpoints account for you and enter the information you provide.

## Weekly Reading and Activity Challenges

Each week we will announce special challenges and instructions on how to complete them. These challenges may be an activity you complete or a certain genre of book to read. Details on each challenge will be in the weekly brochure and also on your Bookpoints site. Participants who successfully complete the challenge will be eligible to enter a drawing for a Books On First gift card and earn five extra weekly drawing tickets.

### Prizes, you say? How do I earn prizes?

- Check out books at the library and earn drawing tickets for the weekly prize.
- ✓ Complete a reading log and win a prize for reaching your goal.
- ✓ Watch for secret codes to be revealed. Often in our programs we reveal secret codes, whether in the online options or in our Take-And-Make craft bags, Enter that code in your Bookpoints account (or let us know and we'll enter it for you)

- and you can earn extra weekly drawing tickets or in some cases, a special prize just for participating in that activity.
- ✓ Complete the weekly reading and activity challenges.
- ✓ Join one of our book clubs. If you are in middle school or high school, you can join one of our book clubs. These clubs are not only a lot of fun, there are additional chances to win prizes.

#### Questions?

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