

June 2021 Podcast

Lisa 00:18

Hi, everybody, we are here today with CMPL's Podcast. And we're here to talk about our Summer Reading program. Our Summer Reading program runs June 12. through August 14. My name is Lisa, I'm the Head of Children's and Teen Services. With me I have.

Amy 00:37

I'm Amy, I'm the Head of Adult Services.

Brittany 00:40

And I'm Brittany, I'm the Youth Outreach Manager.

Lisa 00:43

And today we're going to talk about the different levels of Summer Reading, maybe some like little favorites or nuggets that we can throw in, and hope to give you all of the information that you need to participate this summer. So, Summer Reading is something that runs from June 12 through August 14, you can visit any of our locations to pick up paper calendar. Or you can log in online off of our website, which is cmpl.org and click on the Events tab and look for Summer Reading. So, what we do is we count the days that you spend reading. Now, we understand that life is busy. So, it might not be that you read every single day, you may read Sunday, you may read Monday and then you decide to go to the park and have a playdate on Tuesday. And that's okay. And then you come back Wednesday and you read it again. We don't care how you do it. We just care that you read. And then we have prizes at different levels. So, for kids, and by kids, I mean ages zero to three for like the babies and young ones, or ages three to fifth grade, or your first 15 days, you will get a bubble wand if you're a little kid, or a color changing cup or carabiner or key chain. And it's your choice. Now, if you happen to read for 30 days, you get your choice of a free book that's yours to keep. And at 45 days, you'll get a book in a grand prize entry into it for a Nintendo Switch, and an Animal Crossing game. That's pretty cool. I play love animals.

Amy 02:29

I love Animal Crossing.

Brittany 02:31

I also love Animal Crossing.

Lisa 02:33

Right. I mean, this has adult appeal this, this has teen appeal. I love it.

Amy 02:39

I spent a lot of time building a nice island.

Lisa 02:44

I think we visited each other's island.

Amy 02:46

Indeed, indeed.

Brittany 02:47

So I didn't know that was possible. So, I'm going to need to play it a little bit.

Lisa 02:51

We'll teach you. But so, these are some great prizes that you can get just for reading as you go. And you might take 45 days sounds a lot. But there's well over 60 days of summer vacation. So, there's plenty of time to take breaks and have fun as you go.

Amy 03:10

And I think it's important to note that we don't care what you read, you can read anything you want, anywhere you want. anytime you want. We just asked that you read for 15 minutes to count it as a day. So, it's not like we're asking anyone to read a book a day or anything insane like that. We're just trying to build the habit of reading,

Lisa 03:30

we even get silly, you can read your cereal box, you can read your shopping list, you can read your video game instructions, it doesn't matter what it is.

Brittany 03:41

Now, on that same note, if you do read a book a day, it's still just counts as one day. So right you like reading a book a day, that's great as well.

Lisa 03:49

Well, if people think that Summer Reading is just for kids, but the reason we've got Brittany and Amy and today is this can become a whole family thing if a mom is reading a bedtime story to a kid that counts reading for both of them. And why not reward the parents also in their great prizes.

Brittany 04:08

And the teen says some really great prizes too. So, for the teen, so teen Summer Reading, this is going to be anyone who is entering grade six through entering grades 12. So even if you're not technically a teenager yet, you're going to participate in our teen Summer Reading because we consider you a teenager at that point. So again, all you have to do is read for 15 minutes a day. And if you read for 15 days, it doesn't have to be in a row, you're going to win your first prize, which is a grab bag. Now the teen grab bags are super fun. Each of them are going to include a full size candy bar, and then some other cool stuff. So sometimes that might be a gift card or sometimes it might be a plushie sometimes it might be slime, or just other really cool random stuff. I've seen additional entries into the grand prize I'm going to tell you about in a minute. I've seen our teen librarian who makes 3d printing She will make you a custom 3d print. So, there's really cool prizes included in this grab bag. If you read for an additional 15 days for a grand total 30 days, you're going to win an additional grab bag. And then finally, if you read for the total of 45 days, you're going to be able to pick a price book from our bookshelf, and then you're going to be entered in to win the grand prize, and you're going to get to join our virtual private party. So, our grand prize this year for the teen Summer Reading is you can choose one or two things, the first thing you can choose from is an eReader that comes with a Barnes and Noble gift card and a Doordash gift card. Or you can choose a Bluetooth speaker that comes with a Doordash gift card and a Spotify gift card. So, two people total will win the grand prize. And you'll also be invited to the virtual party no matter what. This year, the virtual party is going to take place Saturday, August 14, it's going to run from the hours of four to 7pm. And we are going to do some really cool stuff there we're going to play Would you rather we're going to have a bunch of other games, we're going to have some edible art, their escape rooms trivia, and there's going to be even more prizes and just that grand prize, you do not have to go to the virtual party to win the grand prize. But you do have to be in attendance to win the other prizes. And again, this is an exclusive party just for people who read the 45 days this already. That's pretty cool. I always like gift cards.

Amy 06:21

I always love the grab bags, I try and get the teens to open them like in front of me so I can see what they get.

Lisa 06:27

Right. I mean, when you're like opening presents, and to see the surprises of somebody else.

Amy 06:35

Absolutely. So, we want to stress that Summer Reading is for grownups too. So, there are also adult prizes for Summer Reading. And like Lisa mentioned, you can count reading to your children. But it doesn't have to be that you can, like everyone else read anything you want. So, any books that you want, if you're reading for our book clubs, by all means double dip and count that if you're reading our

magazines if you're using Libby or hoopla of that count, so if you're reading for pleasure anyway, you might as well let us give you prizes for it. So, the adult prizes are the first level prize if you read for a total of 15 days is that you're entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. The second prize is you get to choose from the adult treasure chest, which has things like travel mugs and clean keys and our new item this year is a really cool insulated tote bag. I've hidden them there, Lisa and Brittany just made shocked faces because I've hidden them from staff because I didn't want staff to get first crack at them. So those are really cool. And then our third level prizes an entry into a drawing for \$100 Visa gift card. Plus, you get one of all of our swag so you would get the tote bag plus everything else that's in the treasure box with it. So those are cool fun prizes that we hope entice you to visit...my goal in life is that someday some year adults will get higher participation in Summer Reading than the children and so if anyone can help me out there by participating super happy super happy so I think we have it in us. I would love...love to have more registrants than the kids.

Lisa 08:24

It was close before, but it is pretty close. Kids and adults.

Brittany 08:32

That swag is some hot commodity though. I know staffs gonna want that.

Amy 08:39

I've hidden it, Brittany. I've hidden the totes.

Brittany 08:41

We're looking for it to...to go to summer readers of course.

Lisa 08:44

Right. Well, staff are welcome to participate in summer waiting also. But we do have some pretty cool swag. I do love all of our items and have earned them all through different things at the library. I also can say my mom is always really excited to sign up for Summer Reading. And she's 75 but she has pleasure reading.

Amy 09:06

So, um, should we talk about programs a little bit gals because I know...

Lisa 09:13

Our May podcast if you've opened up to listen to it has a whole bunch of our summer programs and the ones that we're most excited about. But since we have a different group here today, we might talk about a few programs that we're really looking forward to, just in case you're only listening to us now.

Amy 09:30

I'm gonna I'm gonna dive in and start for adults. Because again, I think people think of Summer Reading and summer programming as children's specific and it's definitely not. So, we have a lot of great adult programming this summer. And a lot of great family programming too, I think. So, It's July in all of our buildings, there will be a scavenger hunt for any age to complete. And that's supposed to be I'm told by the people that are planning it that it's going to be quite challenging so I'm kind of looking forward to it. I also want to encourage people to attend the...the Arboretum across the street has our poetry walk featured through the entire summer. So those are things that would be ongoing. I'm also going to do our last plug for the adult book clubs, which are super fun. So, we have a mystery book club, we have a nonfiction book club, we have what we call our Books on Tap book club because it used to be at a bar, even though that's not a thing currently. So, we try and really cross a lot of these genres for there to be something for everyone. So, I'm going to encourage people to attend our book clubs as well. We have a nice core group at all of them, but we'd always love for new members to join. And then lastly, I'm going to encourage people to check out our virtual presentations, we have a lot of great speakers coming in on everything from I don't remember what they are now because of the pressure. But I think we have something on the Great Lakes. And I mean, there's just lots of great speakers coming into that you can do from the comfort of your own home. So, I hope you'll join us for a lot of that.

Lisa 11:12

Amy and I have already been over to the Arboretum to check...that's been fun to walk through the Arboretum.

Amy 11:20

Indeed, indeed. Britt, you want to do some of the team programs?

Brittany 11:24

Yeah, absolutely. So, I just want to highlight a couple of our tech programs in particular. So, we are doing, if you've ever been interested in 3d printing, we're going to be doing some 3d printing. And this is actually going to include some circuits. So, I think these 3d prints are going to light up, which is pretty awesome. There's going to be some coding that's going to go on this summer. So, if you've ever been interested in coding, you can get some basic skills in that. And then we still have our take and makes going on. So, for example, there's pineapple string art that you can do DIY dry erase boards. There is a fun mystery craft this summer. And then every Monday, the first Monday, excuse me the first Monday of each month. So, June 7, July 5, August 2, there's going to be a cool program for maker Monday. So, the July 5, one is DIY yarn bookmarks, and the August 2 one is my favorite with this magnetic slime. So, if you've ever been interested in making magnetic slime, that's going to happen. And so those are just a few cool programs that the teens have going on this summer.

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Lisa 12:49

I'm really excited about the children's programs this summer. We always have some really awesome children's programs. But the one I'm really excited about is are take and make crafts on Wednesdays in July. They don't require any registration. So, they start at 9am you're welcome to step in and pick one up for whatever that week is until they're gone. So, we are making yarn rainbows. We're doing some magic. We've got bags from some of our favorite kids out. And we're making straw rockets. I'm also really excited, Brittany is doing one of my favorite shows from last year Baby-sitters Club Kid Kits on Wednesday, July 14, at 2pm. It is a virtual program. But I'm really excited to see what that turns out like.

Brittany 13:40

Yeah, so if you want to babysit the summer or whenever, so kids through 10 through 12 can come and make their own kid kit and learn how to make some fun crafts to do on the job, if you will. So that should be a lot of fun.

Amy 13:52

That's so fun.

Lisa 13:53

Right?

Amy 13:55

I have to dive in and say because I choked and what the adult presentations were and said Great Lakes but I think that's actually wrong with some of the ones I am really excited about is we're doing a presentation on how to research your old house. So, if you are...if your house is you know several decades old and you'd like to learn more about it, we're doing a presentation on how you can do that. And we also have a genealogy presentation. Those are always super popular. So, I expect this will be as well.

Lisa 14:25

I'm also really excited we have a partnership with Macomb township Parks and Rec and we have some story walks for local parks this summer. So okay. We have two stories. And the first story will be out at

Corners Park for the first two weeks of June and at Waldenberg Park which is at 21 mile in Romeo Plank from June 15 to June 30. And that is let me see A Hike by Alison Ferro. And then we have a two-week break. And then Let Me Finish by Linh Le is at Corners Park from July 15 through August 1 and in Waldenberg Park from August 2 to August 16. I always like walking with my family through there. And then it's so fun to see the story as like a happy surprise. And both of the stories have loved fictions and lots of fun, and they're not ones that you necessarily would grab off the shelf at the library, like Pete the Cat or you know, the ones that you read over and over.

Amy 15:33

So fun. And then my last plug for adults, I promise is that crafting isn't just for kids. So we have some great crafting programs this summer too, we have our standard knitting crochet meetups that meets every two weeks. But we've got other super fun stuff like create your own cooling neck scarf, and things like that. So I want to encourage people to check our event calendar and see what may appeal to you.

Lisa 16:00

Very cool. Very cool. Does anybody have anything else that you'd like to share about Summer Reading?

Amy 16:07

I think there's one more thing that we may have been a little bit unclear about in the beginning, while, there is a paper calendar for you to keep track of you can also track your days online. And we're going to have to do that for you in the library of regardless. So, if you if you prefer to just do it that way, you can do it that way as well. But either way it works well. You also don't need our paper calendar, you can just keep track of it on your own.

Lisa 16:31

Oh, go ahead, sorry.

Amy 16:33

So basically, any way that you want to keep track of the days that you read will work for us. And we try and make it as easy as possible.

Lisa 16:42

And newer from last year because it might have gotten lost with the pandemic, if you're somebody who uses a...an app more because I know my phone is always in my hand, there is an app for Beanstack, which is our program, it's Beanstack. And it's available in the Google Store or in iTunes.

Amy 17:07

That is the program we use to keep track of Summer Reading.

Lisa 17:10

That is the program but you can...I know adults in the past have complained that they wanted to keep track of their book title also, that is new this year. So, you can write titles in and get a whole reading log of what you did this year.

Brittany 17:25

I should also add here that you can earn badges in addition to doing our typical Summer Reading program, we have challenges that you can do. And if you complete these challenges on our Beanstalk app, you're able to earn those badges. So if you're someone who wants to do something in addition to reading, check out our challenges on our on our beanstalk app and see if there's some that you want to do off the top of my head. I know we have one where you can do sidewalk chalk and we have a sidewalk chalk day where you can do hashtag I think it's chalk the walk CMPL 2021. So, there's...there's a lot of fun stuff in addition to Summer Reading.

Amy 18:05

We kept that hashtag really short. That's good.

Brittany 18:08

I might have mixed it up to you. It might be hashtag 2021 CMPL. Yeah, there's...there's other fun stuff that you can do and get involved with Summer Reading.

Amy 18:22

Great!

Lisa 18:24

Excellent. So, if you're listening to this in July, there's still time to register. If you're listening to this in June, you've got a good head start and get going. We help you read for any of three levels, and claim any of your prizes this summer. It's just fun to read, read whatever you want, when you want how you want. And we look at three. Yeah, and we look forward to seeing you this summer at the library.

Amy 18:52

Bye, everybody.