

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Program Returns

Readers of all ages are invited to climb aboard for a summer of adventure!

“Adventure Begins at Your Library” is this year’s theme for the children’s summer reading program, so we’re busy creating opportunities for our young patrons to have a blast with reading-related events all summer long.

The Teen Summer Reading Program is Level Up! which rewards readers for earning points and reaching new levels. The adult summer reading program will have scratch-off tickets with prizes for finishing the books on each ticket.

All Summer Reading Programs encourage life-long learning and support the habit of reading—especially important for kids on summer vacation. And it’s fun!



Some of the epic adventures we have planned for patrons include:

- Reading logs for children to chart their reading and inspire them to try new things and have a chance to win prizes
- Craft programs for children, teens, and adults
- STEAM activities and adventure-themed events that make learning fun
- Story Times—at Alfred Dickey Public Library and the North American Bison Discovery Center (formerly the National Buffalo Museum)
- Family events and more!

A schedule of events will be available at all library locations, on our website (jrvls.org), and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/JRVLS).



Author Corner: Meet Gary Paulsen

Gary Paulsen was born May 17, 1939, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His father was in the military, so the family moved a lot, and Paulsen experienced life in different areas. He served in the US Army, and also worked as a truck driver, editor, trapper, and other odd jobs before becoming a writer. Young people still enjoy Paulsen's coming-of-age books that often pit the protagonist against nature or needing to overcome some obstacle. His book *Dogsong* was a 1986 Newbery Honor Book, and *Hatchet* was a runner-up for the Newbery Medal in 1988. Paulsen enjoyed nature and adventure, and wrote nonfiction based on his experiences, as well as fiction inspired by his experiences. Paulsen lived a long life full of adventure, and his books can still inspire readers. Check one out at the library!

www.britannica.com/article/Gary-Paulsen/312922



Watching Young Families Connect at the Library

It's a joy to watch young children come bounding into the library with their care-giver, excited to pick up a fresh batch of books. They know the library is a place where adventure begins. Their eagerness and openness is best displayed when they meet another child on the same quest. It isn't long before they become fast friends, playing together with the puzzles or dinosaurs, chatting about their favorite books or characters. Meanwhile, their grown-ups converse about their children's learning style, developmental stages, or what kind of fun "kid" things they like to do around town. When it's time to leave, new little friends hug "good-bye" and head to the door with their book bags and a playdate planned. Adventure has begun!

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