

More than Books

Summer reading program for adults

Read books! Win prizes! Escape reality!

Beginning Saturday, June 7, adults may register at the second floor information desk for this year's summer reading program. Pick up your Summer Reading Log and choose a free book, courtesy of the Freeport Public Library Foundation, just for registering for the program.

Summer Reading runs through August 2. For each book you read or listen to, you may fill out an entry slip for prize drawings. Simply place the completed slip in the prize drawing box on the second floor.

Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald will draw for prizes weekly, and winners will be notified by telephone. All entry forms, including those of weekly winners, will be entered in the Grand Prize drawing on August 4.

There is no need to be present at a drawing to win any of our adult summer reading program prizes. Weekly prizes include gift certificates courtesy of downtown merchants. Our Grand Prize is an HD tablet.

The teen summer reading program is similar to the adult program, and teens also have a chance enter to win an HD tablet.

Summer reading kick off for kids

Our summer reading program for children begins with a special 1 p.m. program that promises fun for the whole family, so think of accompanying the kids and grandkids on a library outing. Performers "Mr. E and Maggie" will be here with puppets, magic, and stories.

In addition to the special kick-off event, we'll be have regular Thursday afternoon children's programs, many relating to this year's theme, "Paws to Read!" The Rockford Discovery Center Museum, for example, will be bringing us an astronomy program, "Animals of the Night Sky."

At another Thursday afternoon program, children will have the opportunity to learn more about German Valley's Critter Camp Exotic Pet Sanctuary. Critter Camp focuses its humane efforts on abused, abandoned, and otherwise homeless small and exotic pets. Think hamsters, chinchillas, ferrets, turtles, and bearded dragons, not wildlife, cats, dogs, or farm animals.

We will be collecting donations for Critter Camp all summer long. Although I can't tell you right off what a hedgehog, sugar glider or fennec fox wants or needs, Critter Camp is going to supply us with wish list of pet foods and supplies that are available to purchase locally. I understand some of the items may be in our cupboards right now. How exotic is that!

A Hand for the Foundation

Most of the summer reading program incentives are made possible through the generosity of the Freeport Public Library Foundation. A big thank you goes to all the Library Foundation supporters who attended

the recent Foundation fund-raising performance of “Lend Me a Tenor” at Winneshiek Playhouse. A special note of appreciation to Mayor Gitz for his enthusiastic support of the library and Winneshiek.

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