



Chapman Public Library

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Summer @ the Library

Summer Reading: Building Strong Readers, Stronger Futures

As summer begins and school doors close for a well-earned break, families across our community settle into a new rhythm. While summer is a time for rest, play, and family connection, it can also be a time when important learning skills—especially reading—begin to slip. The good news? The library is here to help keep young minds active, engaged, and growing all summer long.

Research consistently shows a strong connection between literacy and long-term life outcomes. Children who struggle with reading are more likely to fall behind in school, disengage from learning, and face challenges later in life. In contrast, strong reading skills open doors—to academic success, career opportunities, and confident participation in the world around them.

Even more compelling, studies have found that low literacy levels are common among incarcerated populations, while access to education and reading programs significantly reduces the likelihood of reoffending. While reading alone isn't a cure-all, building literacy skills is one of the most powerful ways communities can invest in brighter, safer futures.

That's where your library comes in.

Summer reading programs are designed to keep children learning in fun, meaningful ways. Through stories, activities, and incentives, kids build vocabulary, strengthen comprehension, and develop a lifelong love of reading—all while enjoying their summer break. (Continue on Page 2)

(cont.) But the benefits go beyond books. Libraries provide a safe, welcoming space where children and teens can explore, create, and connect. From story times and reading challenges to hands-on crafts and teen programs, these experiences help keep young people engaged, curious, and supported.

Families play an important role, too. Reading together, visiting the library regularly, and encouraging independent reading time can make a lasting difference. Even a few minutes a day can help prevent the “summer slide” and keep skills sharp for the school year ahead. This summer, we invite you to make the library part of your family’s routine. Whether you’re checking out a stack of books, attending a program, or simply finding a quiet place to read, you are helping build strong readers—and strong futures.

Stop by, sign up for our Summer Reading Program, and discover all the ways your library can support your family this season. Let’s make this a summer of stories, learning, and growth.

June Dates

SAT
6th

Movie in the Park
Come for the food, stay for the showing of “The Minecraft Movie”
Movie begin at dark

THUR
11TH

Silent Book Club: Chapman Chapter
Introverts and book lovers alike, come to the library after hours for an evening of reading and book sharing. 6 PM-8 PM

FRI
12TH

Milford Nature Center
10 AM at the Library

FRI
19TH

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR
JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY!

TUES
23RD

Evening Story Time
5 PM-5:45 PM
We are going on a bear hunt!
Movie run time: 24 minutes

THUR
25TH

K-State Extension Office
Join us for a fun filled S.T.E.M.
event led by our local
Extension office! 10 AM



UNEARTH A STORY

June 2nd-July 15th

Summer reading is open all ages! We have minutes and prizes for youth to adults. All reading counts: books, ebooks, audio books, magazines, and comic books!

