

# A **UNIVERSE** of Stories

## Summer Reading 2019 at Marshalltown Library

### What is the summer reading program?

The summer reading program has two major components: **activities** and a **reading incentive** program. Youth of all ages are encouraged to participate in **one or both** of these components.

### What activities does the library offer?

Toddlers & Twos & Storytime are programs for the youngest children. Programs for school aged children are scheduled on a variety of days. Play Day on Tuesdays is geared toward ages 3-7, but open to any age. Special events flyers & online calendar will include info about ages. All children ages 7 & younger need to have a caregiver with them to stay with them at the library.

### How does a summer reader earn points?

Youth of all ages are welcome to participate in the reading incentive program which encourages reading, and other literacy-related challenges to keep brains in good shape over the summer. You can earn points on your own schedule & redeem those points for prizes.

Sign up for points logs anytime in the summer (sign up anytime starting May 28; stamp 1 available until 6/17). Points are earned by stamping your log when you visit the library. This summer, there are 5 different stamps worth 20 points each over the course of the summer.

The act of stamping at the youth desk is a promise (honor system) that kids have been spending time reading during the summer weeks. No booklist or time log is required. Library staff reserve the right to ask summer readers about their reading.

If summer readers collect 3 stamps, they earn a 100 point bonus! There are also participation rewards of a free Blank Park Zoo pass & free pass for Let's Play Bounce after 2 different stamps and an adult/child pair of Iowa Cubs tickets for the July 28 game with 3 different stamps. A final bonus of 50 points will be given if readers stamp at least 5 stamps on their logs.

### How does a Chapter Book Reader (3rd grade and older) earn extra points?

School-aged kids (usually 3rd grade and older) and teens who are independent readers (are able to read chapter books) may choose to earn extra points by working on the Bingo on the back of the points log. 25 extra points are earned per bingo up to a total of 300 with a full "blackout." In addition, there is a "blackout bonus" of 50 points!



### How do readers use points to get prizes?

The library has a variety of **prizes** from which readers can choose. The display in the glass case shows the prizes available and how many points are needed to trade for that prize.

Points can be spent all at once, or a few at a time, anytime between July 1-August 25. Points spent to reduce fines may be applied earlier than July 1 to allow check out (ask staff at the youth desk at the library.)

In addition, there are "**end of summer**" prizes displayed at the bottom of the glass case in youth. These prizes will be awarded through a drawing **at noon on Friday, August 16** (need not be present to win.) Kids earn drawing slips by earning points: the more points, the more drawing slips.

### Teen Summer Reading

Any age of youth (including teens) can participate in the points log. However, there is also a "Quick & Simple" Teen Program, as an **alternative**, just for 7th-12th graders. See postcard-sized flyers in the teen area, visit the teen page of the website, or ask in youth to get signed up.

### FREE summer lunch

Lunch for ages 1-18 years served on Wednesday and Thursdays most weeks in the summer, 11-noon. Snacks daily for youth. (in youth, year round.)

### Adventure Pass

Ask if you might qualify for free passes to fun places to take your family (Science Center, Zoo, etc.)

Detailed info about programs can be found on [Library Events calendar](#) at the library's website

[www.marshalltownlibrary.org](http://www.marshalltownlibrary.org)