June 25, 2020

Online Summer Reading Game

It's almost July and that means Summer Reading! The Library's annual Summer Reading Game will be quite different this year. While we had an online component to the Game a couple of years ago, this year it will be *all* online due to the impact of COVID-19.

So, how will the online Summer Reading Game work? We are using the READsquared platform to host the three Summer Reading Games running this summer: Pre-K, Grades K-6, and Grades 7-12. You can register and login to READsquared [here](https://readsquared.com). Participants can sign up with READsquared and join their Reading Game at any time, but the Games *will not be live for recording reading or activities until July 6* and you may not see all features until that day. If you wish to use it, there is also an app available for iOS and Android devices.

READsquared is where your kids and teens will keep track of their time reading all summer long. As a parent or caregiver, you can register yourself and add youth family members to your account. That way you each have the ability to log reading time and completing missions. Missions include specific activities as well as attendance at certain Library virtual programs throughout the summer. Summer Reading Game participants earn points by logging their reading and missions in READsquared. Those points lead to completion of the Game as well as raffle entries for prizes at the end of the summer.

For more detailed information, including how to earn points and what this year's prizes are, visit our [Summer Reading Game page](https://readsquared.com). The Summer Reading Game kicks off on Monday, July 6 and will run through August 14!
Next week, I'll talk about the wonderful and diverse recommended reading to be found in our Summer Reading Lists and how to access those titles!

Take Care,

Josh Carlson  
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Remember, you can always reply to this email or reach me on Twitter.

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Virtual STEAM Camps

Registration for our Virtual STEAM Camps for grades 4-6 and grades 7-12 supported by Verisk Analytics is open.

Grades 4-6 Virtual STEAM camps.  
Grades 7-12 Virtual STEAM camps.

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Summer Programs and Events for Kids, Teens, and Families

While we might not be able to hold them in the Library, that doesn’t mean we’re not offering a lot of great programs in July and August!
The Library is excited to announce a performance by Illusionist Leon Etienne on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.!

This program is supported by the White Plains Library Foundation.

Daddy-Daughter Storytime

There’s only a few more days to watch Manager of Youth Services Josh Carlson’s
storytime videos he made with his daughter over the past few months, as they must all be taken down on June 30. All 26 videos can be seen here.

COVID-19 Mindfulness Book for Children

Mandy Facchin shares a free download of her printable children's book she created to help her daughter become more comfortable in a mask-wearing world.

June 27th is Summersgiving

Summersgiving is a new holiday that can be celebrated the first Saturday after the summer solstice. To make this tradition a special holiday, you can try cooking a meal that welcomes the summer solstice, such as an old family recipe or a meal that celebrates a different culture. Ms. Caroline shares what she made, some books to help you celebrate, and some new recipes for you to try.
June Observances and Celebrations

- LGBTQ Pride Month
- National African American Music Month
- YA Fiction for National Family Month
- June 24 was International Fairy Day
- June 21 was Father’s Day
- June 19 was Juneteenth
- June 8 was Best Friends Day
- National Garden Week was June 7-13
- June 6 was National Trails Day
- June 3 was National Road Trip Day
- June 1 was International Dinosaur Day

Middle School Youth Action Training: July 1

For middle-school youth interested in civic engagement, social issues, and/or leadership. Westchester County Youth Council presents a full day of online advocacy-based workshops with some fun activities, games, and a lot of learning! Workshops are led by members of Junior and Senior Youth Councils of the Westchester County Youth Council. No experience or prior knowledge necessary. Space is limited. Register here.

Around the Web

White Plains Public Schools – Project Summer Read 2020.

City of White Plains Recreation and Parks Department – Find out the most current information on White Plains Recreation and Parks summer programs, rules for parks and pools, and more.
White Plains Youth Bureau – Visit for current information about Youth Bureau programs and services over the summer.

NPR Summer Reader Poll: What Are Your Five Favorite Books For Kids?

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