

**2026
Summer
Reading Program**
**For Kids
Ages 6-11**
Starts June 1;
Ends August 8



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**END
HERE**

**START
HERE**

at the Library!

- **PRIZES: Fresh Start Fine Waiver Card** after first activity; **Free Book and Summer Youth Passport** after 10 hours of reading and eight activities.
- Free book and Summer Youth Passport can be picked up beginning June 8.
- Use this game board or register online to record your reading and activities: **thelibrary.org/summerreading.**
- Complete your first activity to earn the Fresh Start Fine Waiver Card. Read 10 hours and complete seven more activities, then bring your game board to any Library or the Mobile Library to claim your free book and Summer Youth Passport! You can mark off the icon as you read and complete activities to track your progress.
- Each **15** = 15 minutes of reading or being read to.
- Each **A** = 1 activity completed.




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Last day to pick up Summer Reading Program prizes: Saturday, August 8.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Fine Waiver Card First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

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Springfield-Greene County Library District
2026 Summer Reading Program
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- Free Book and Summer Youth Passport can be picked up beginning June 8; Fresh Start Fine Waiver Card can be picked up beginning June 1.
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- Read 10 hours and do eight activities.
- Receive a **Fresh Start Fine Waiver Card** upon completing your first activity. Then, complete the program to earn a **Free Book** and a **Summer Youth Passport**.
- **READERS: You can complete only one game board. After you complete this game board, see your librarian for Star Reader Challenges** — keep reading to earn more prizes! Complete up to nine Star Reader Challenges to earn entries into end-of-summer prize drawings. Prizes include reading totes, coupons for additional free books, admissions to local attractions and gift cards for local businesses.

ACTIVITIES

Unearth a Story at the library! Complete at least eight activities — you can choose from our list or create your own!

- Draw a creative picture of a dinosaur and name it!
- Read a book about dinosaurs or archeology.
- Check out an Adventure Backpack and explore the outdoors with your family.
- Use Your Next Read on the library website to get some personalized book suggestions from your librarians.
- Check out an audiobook or use one of the library apps (Hoopla or Libby) to read or listen to a book.
- Wrap a mummy. Take a doll or paper cutout and wrap it in paper/yarn/tape.
- Learn about Ancient Egypt using Culturegrams.
- Build a pyramid out of blocks or Lego.
- Trace your hand and create a handprint dinosaur.
- Take a walk in nature and look for fossils found in Missouri.
- Make a fossil using play dough and different objects.
- Design a treasure map! Hide a few toys in your house or backyard, draw your map and see if your friends can find your hidden treasures!
- Create a prehistoric cave drawing using chalk or pencils.
- Make prehistoric rock art by painting simple shapes on a rock.
- Create your own pottery out of mud! Leave your sculptures in the sun for a long time to dry.
- Find a rock and imagine using it to make a tool. What kind of tool would it make? Draw a diagram or picture of how you would make it.
- Attend a Fantastic Friday event and learn something new about your community.
- After reading a chapter book, draw a picture of how you think the main character looks.
- Ask a friend to take a creative photo of you reading a book. Have your grown-up send it in to imagine@thelibrary.org.
- Create a structure out of LEGOs or blocks and send a picture to imagine@thelibrary.org
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Feel free to repeat any of these activities and adapt them to fit your needs.



Completed the program? Scan this QR code to take our survey.



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Want to participate online? Go to thelibrary.org/summerreading.