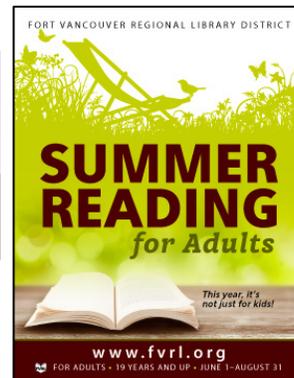




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Sign Up through August 15 for 2015 Summer Reading at the Library

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Children, teens and adults, too, can have fun and earn rewards while keeping their reading skills sharp with no-fee summer reading programs at Fort Vancouver Regional Library District libraries, bookmobiles and at www.fvrl.org.

The adult summer reading program has been added this year in response to popular demand.

FVRL summer reading programs run June 1 through the end of August, with sign-ups ending Aug. 15.

There are no fees attached for participating in the library's activities, events or reading program rewards.

The 2015 Summer Reading programs for kids and teens have a heroic theme: "Every Hero Has a Story" for young children 0-5 years and children 6-11 years; and "Unmask!" for teens 12-19 years.

Continuing the program format introduced in 2014, sign-ups and reading logs are online through a web page link at www.fvrl.org. Participants can sign up in FVRL libraries or remotely on the website via personal computers, tablets or smartphones. The online features save paper while providing convenient access to reading logs, resources and event schedules.

Parents have the option of creating a family account by adding siblings' accounts to the first one registered. Paper logs are also available if preferred or needed.

The library's web pages provide easy-to-follow instructions for setting up individual summer reading accounts.

After spending time reading titles of their choice, participants log into their accounts, record their reading time, and progress through three prize levels. For finishing each level, youth participants can choose from a number of prizes, including books, ear buds, temporary tattoos, bags, comics, and more. Each level completed also earns participants entries in the district-wide grand-prize drawing in each of the three youth age categories. Grand-prize winners will receive a \$200 Amazon gift card.

Adults earn entries into branch prize drawings for \$25 Barnes & Noble gift cards for every four books they read. Entries may be made either in branches or online.

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Participants also have the option of writing reviews to share anonymously with other summer readers.

Information about summer reading is available at any FVRL library or bookmobile, or by calling (360) 906-5000, 1-888-546-2707 toll-free from area code 509, or 1-800-921-6211 toll-free from Yale Valley. Summer reading information also is available at www.fvrl.org.

The library's summer reading program is generously supported by NW Natural, Umpqua Bank, The Blind Onion Pizza and Pub, Kumon, Vancouver Family Magazine, Cooper Chiropractic, Superkids Resale, Les Schwab, Image360, Friends of FVRL libraries, and Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation.

In 2014, 7,428 children ages zero to 11 years and 1,910 teens ages 12-19 years signed up for FVRL's summer reading program. Participants spent more than 6,991,460 minutes reading and in reading-related activities, wrote 25,298 book reviews and collected 4,537 prizes.

About Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Established in 1950 as an inter-local district, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District provides a vast range of information and cultural services to more than 464,000 Southwest and South Central Washington citizens in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and the city of Woodland and Yale Valley Library District in Cowlitz County. The district provides a collection of more than 700,000 physical items, eResources, online library services at www.fvrl.org, two bookmobiles, telephone information services, 24/7 online help, outreach programs, and 15 public library locations: Community Libraries in Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Goldendale, La Center, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Three Creeks, Vancouver, Washougal, White Salmon Valley and Woodland; The Mall Library Connection at Westfield Vancouver; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.

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