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FVRLibraries Presents 'A Universe of Stories'

Annual Summer Reading program for kids and adults coming to local libraries

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Get ready to go out of this world with your local library this summer. Children, teens and adults can have fun and earn rewards with the Summer Reading program at Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries branches, bookmobiles and via the web at www.fvrl.org. This year's theme – "A Universe of Stories" – once again encourages participants of all age levels to make reading a habit through fun prizes for reading or attending library events throughout the district.

Readers of all ages log each day that they read or attend a library program. Youth (ages 0-18) earn a prize and an entry in the district-wide grand prize drawing for their age groups for every 15, 30 and 45 days logged. Adults earn a grand prize entry for every 15, 30 and 45 days logged. One reader in each age group (Early Learners, Kids, Teens, and Adults) will win their choice of grand prizes:

- OMSI Family Membership
- Barnes and Noble Shopping Spree (\$100 Gift Card)
- Movie Marathon (\$100 Gift Card to the movie theater of your choice)
- Wonderworks Children's Museum Family Membership
- Sternwheeler Cruise (\$125 Gift Card)



This year, Summer Reading starts on Saturday, June 15 and runs through August 15. Beginning June 15, sign-ups and reading logs will be available online through www.fvrl.org/summer-reading. Participants can sign up at FVRLibraries branches or remotely on the website. There are no fees for participating in the library district's activities, events, or reading program rewards.

Summer Programs and Activities to Engage Kids and Families

In addition to encouraging reading this summer, FVRLibraries is again offering a variety of programs to engage kids and keep them (and the whole family) active. Programs at local libraries include reptiles and creature exhibits, hands-on STEM activities, storytelling, magic and comedy, and music and dance performances.

Special for this year's theme of "A Universe of Stories" is the Mars Rover Challenge, an allages program. The program asks participants to build a craft that can survive on Mars by completing a series of NASA challenges including building a robotic arm and creating a roving science lab.

For a list of summer reading programs and activities at FVRLibraries branches near you, visit www.fvrl.org/summer-reading

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About Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Established in 1950, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) 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

Serving Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and Woodland and Yale Precinct in Cowlitz County

Library District in Cowlitz County. FVRL provides a collection of more than 750,000 items, 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 Vancouver Mall; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.