



Section 6

Conduct a Summer Reading Program; youth, teen, and/or adult.

“Reading Colors Your World” not only celebrated how reading can bring light, adventure, and excitement into your life, but also how it brings people together. Diversity can be celebrated, and reading can connect us! Our Summer Reading Challenge brought fun, engagement, and literacy into the living room of our community. The library met the needs of the community by doing hybrid programming, socially distanced in-person programming, as well as drive-thru celebrations, kits, and virtual fun.

The foundation or “command center” for our Summer Reading Challenge was an app called Beanstack. This was the second year using the app and due to the pandemic, it was a great tool to help everyone stay connected! Families were able to download this app and record their minutes, books read, enter drawings for prizes, even earn badges for meeting reading goals, or engaging in library activities and engaging in community events (for example, you might earn a sticker for virtually attending a performance, for picking up an activity kit, or donating to a local food bank). Using Beanstack to help connect people, to the library, in a hybrid world, was a huge success!

This year we had a significant increase in usage of Beanstack. Each category below had quite a measurable increase over FY 2020.

	Registered	Minutes Read	Badges Earned
Children (birth-12)	319	120,584	1,446
Teens (13-17)	22	32,184	113
Adults (18+)	122	76,560	447

The Reading Colors Your World Summer Reading Challenge was another opportunity to serve people where they are. Some families were ready to come back to face-to-face programming, while others still preferred virtual events and take-home activities. Our

staff worked hard to create a blend, or hybrid, of all types of engagement and participation so that we could meet the needs and desires of our community during this transitional year after a pandemic.

We kicked the summer off with a Drive-Thru "Reading Colors Your World" event. Over 600 people were served through our event to get a goody bag, frozen yogurt, freebies from community partners, and to start the summer off with the library.

Big Machines Expo made its return in June of 2021, much to the delight of the community and city partners. It was the first year to have this program held in a park and ended up being a great location! This event features fire trucks, police cars, Waste Management trucks, Parks and Rec tractors and machines, as well as all the machines used by our city facilities teams. Families get to climb in and on them, collect freebies, enjoy snacks, and enjoy a day outdoors connecting with city departments and employees. We had over 480 people show up at this event.

The library continued to provide opportunities for fun and engagement through magician shows, a puppet circus, All about Animals live show, storytellers, a singing zoologist, and a family fun night, just to name a few. It was a great summer and library staff were so pleased to have done in-person programming once again!

READING



YOUR WORLD

ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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PRIZES

COMPLETE OUR "LITERARY CRAWL" ACTIVITY BADGES ON BEANSTACK FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE PRIZES BELOW (PRIZES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND AVAILABILITY)

- \$25 Gift Card to a Local Coffee Shop
- Kindle Fire Tablet
- One-night Stay at the Fairfield Inn in Cedar Hill
- Dinner for two at Sam's Pizza


FEATURED EVENTS

- June 15 at 6 pm at the Library- Healthy Cooking Demo
- June 30 at 6 pm at the Library- Books & Brushes Paint Party
- July 14 at 6:30 pm at the Library- Local Author Meet & Greet
- July 24, 9 am-3 pm at Trinity Church- Shifting the Paradigm Conference
- July 29 at 6 pm at the Library- Caricature Night



READING Colors YOUR WORLD

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



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PRIZES

FREE BOOKS AND A SPECIAL GIVEAWAY OF YOUR CHOICE EACH WEEK. YOU CAN ALSO EARN TICKETS TO BE ENTERED IN SPECIAL DRAWINGS FOR GRAND PRIZES

FEATURED EVENTS

*** INDICATES 2 PERFORMANCES. PATRONS CAN CHOOSE EITHER PERFORMANCE TIME**

June 10, 10 am-noon at Valley Ridge Park- Big Machines Expo

June 17 at 10:30 & 11:30 am at the Library*- Magic Show

June 24 at 10:30 am Live on Facebook- Virtual Concert w/ Mr. Jon & Friends

July 1 at 10:30 & 11:30 am at the Library*- Puppet Circus Show

July 9 at 2 & 3 pm at the Library*- All About Animals

July 22 at 10:30 am at the Library- Storyteller Toni Simmons

July 29 at 10:30 & 11:30 am at the Library*- The Singing Zoologist



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