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Louisville Free Public Library's Summer Reading Program starts today at all library locations!

Kickoff event and Cultural Pass Day this Saturday, June 4, at the Main Library



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (June 1, 2022) – Today marks the official start of the 2022 Cultural Pass and the Louisville Free Public Library's Summer Reading Program and that means our city is ready to engage, educate, and entertain children and teens across the community with a multitude of free experiences this summer. In celebration, LFPL's Main Library (301 York Street) will host the annual *Summer Reading Kickoff and Cultural Pass Day* this Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The free, family-friendly event will feature booths and activities throughout the day from Cultural Pass venues like Waterfront Botanical Gardens, Drama by George, American Printing House for the Blind, and more. Other activities include magic, face painting, and live performances from the Louisville Leopards, Flamenco Dance, and Redline Performing Arts. For more information, and to sign up for Summer Reading and the Cultural Pass, visit LFPL.org/SummerReading.

Cultural Pass

The 2022 Cultural Pass is presented by the Fund for the Arts, in partnership with Metro Government, the Arts and Culture Alliance (ACA), and the Louisville Free Public Library. This free program supports and encourages summer learning by providing access to 57 of Kentuckiana's arts and cultural institutions for children and young adults up to age 21 in Jefferson and Bullitt counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, and

Harrison counties in Indiana. The Cultural Pass is valid from June 1 to September 4 and provides pass-holders exclusive access to activities both in-person and virtually. To learn more, visit <u>CulturalPass.org</u>.

Summer Reading

Presented by the Library Foundation, the Library's annual Summer Reading Program is a free 10-week program that encourages kids and teens to read for fun over the summer by offering prizes and incentives. Every child—from infant through 12th grade—who completes the program will receive an LFPL adventure pack or journal. In addition, completers will receive passes to local attractions and sporting events like the Kentucky Science Center, Squire Boone Caverns, Louisville Bats, Racing Louisville FC, and select UofL sports, as well as sweet treats from Fazoli's, Ehrler's, Raising Cane's, and Georgia's Sweet Potato Pie Co. To complete the program, school-aged children simply read ten books, teens read six books, and preschoolaged children and younger need to read, or have read to them, 20 books. For more information, or to register for Summer Reading, visit LFPL.org/SummerReading, call (502) 574-1611, or stop by any library location.

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