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Louisville Free Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program off to a hot start!



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (June 5, 2024) – LFPL’s Summer Reading Program has been a Louisville tradition for nearly a century, helping children and teens avoid summer learning loss by encouraging them to read for fun by offering prizes and incentives. This year’s program, *A Universe of Stories*, just kicked off last Saturday and more than 9,000 area youth—newborns to 12th graders—have already signed up!

To complete the program, school-aged children need to read ten books, teens read six books, and preschool-aged children and younger need to read, or have read to them, 20 books. Everyone who completes the program will receive an alien pencil pouch (kids) or tech bag (teens), as well as coupons for free treats from Ehrler’s Ice Cream and Fazoli’s, and free passes to area attractions like Kentucky Science Center, Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, Squire Boone Caverns, Louisville Bats Baseball, Racing Louisville FC, select UofL sports, and more.

LFPL’s Summer Reading Program is presented by the Library Foundation and is absolutely FREE. Participants can register online at [LFPL.org/SummerReading](https://www.lfpl.org/SummerReading), or stop by any Louisville Free Public Library location between now and August 3.

LFPL’s Summer Reading is more than books!

Did you know that LFPL also offers hundreds of FREE events and activities as part of the Summer Reading Program, to help keep kids and teens entertained and engaged when school is out. Join us for magic shows, storytelling, art projects, wild animals, and a whole lot more all summer long.

This Saturday, the Main Library will host a *Percy Jackson-themed Camp-In* (noon-3 p.m.) just for teens, complete with indoor star-gazing, traditional camp activities, crafts, games, and more. Then on June 29,

the Northeast Regional Library will once again host the *Greatest Day of Play* – a day full of imagination, art, games, and live performances for kids and families.

To learn more about these events, and all of the other exciting things happening at your Library this summer, visit [LFPL.org/events](https://www.lfpl.org/events).

Cultural Pass

The 2024 Cultural Pass is presented by the Fund for the Arts, Louisville Metro Government, Arts & Culture Alliance (ACA), and the Louisville Free Public Library, and is supported by Louisville Metro Government, the Caesar's Foundation, The Gheens Foundation, PNC Bank, the Sam and Bonnie Rechter Family Foundation, Chase Bank, the Sociable Weaver Foundation, the Owsley Brown III Philanthropic Foundation, and Brooke Brown Barzun and Matthew Barzun. This free program supports and encourages summer learning by providing access to more than 40 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 August 4. Cultural Passes can be picked up at any LFPL location. To learn more, visit [CulturalPass.org](https://www.CulturalPass.org).