



Summer Reading Takes You Places

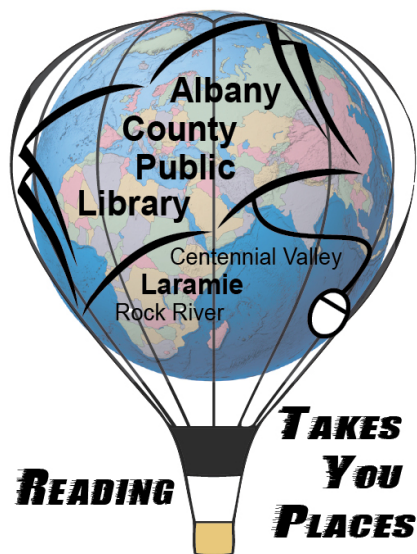
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Summer Reading - It's Not Just for Kids!

Adults can join in the fun of summer reading! For every five books you read, earn a prize (in the past, we offered Starbucks coupons, measuring tapes -- much prized by local readers -- and several other items). Add your reviews to Facebook and discover what others are reading.

Summer Reading for Children

Every spring, the ACPL's youth services staff spends untold amounts of time preparing for summer reading. They develop three programs a week, ask for prize donations from local businesses, and encourage children to participate.

Summers are hectically busy – in fact, summer reading is why there are no story times in May and August. May is for prepping, August is for collapsing! Why do Tamara, Brenda and Deborah spend so much time on summer reading?

Summer reading is vitally important to a child's reading skills. Study after study indicates that children (and teens) lose literacy over the summer unless they read. Summer is a great time to improve your family's reading levels and the Albany County Public Library can help. This summer's theme is "Reading Takes You Places" and we have books for all ages, plus some great programs and movies to support the theme of exploring our world!

Here are some easy ways to use this theme:

- Going on vacation, even just a camping trip? Choose read-aloud books about your destination. Your child will connect what they are reading to what they experience.
- Have your child send postcards about their vacation.
- Don't just read books! Try children's magazines, graphic novels, and even the newspaper.
- Take books on vacation (audiobooks are great for travel).
- Let your child pick books to read.

Teens READ

Get your Bingo card at the Teen Pad to read and write your way to cool prizes! YAK! continues every Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. Check out the ACPL Teen Pad at <http://acplteenpad.weebly.com/index.html> for YAK! topics and more information.

- Staying home? Travel by book!

Suggestions are always available from the library staff. Plus, check out our facebook page discussion panel for books people are reading (you can add your review).

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