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Buddy Bookworm's Thoughts:

Join TCCL's Rockin' 2018 Summer Reading Program

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My library friends and I have spent the winter preparing for the best summer reading program, ever! Well, they did the hard work like scheduling educational entertainment, planning hundreds of family programs and selecting fun prizes to give away. I mostly read and snacked.

Now it's time to get down to serious fun. Look for me visiting libraries and community events all over Tulsa County to keep that reading enthusiasm going strong all summer. You can keep up with my reading hijinks by visiting my Twitter account, <https://twitter.com/mybuddybookworm>.

Parents and grandparents know that "Libraries Rock!" and by joining the summer reading program, children will acquire this same fondness for literacy.

The annual program is ongoing May 29-Aug. 4 and is filled with free programs and chances to earn great prizes. To sign up, children and teens, newborn to 17, and adults can register at any Tulsa City-County Library or online at www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer.

The program goes beyond the books by offering hundreds of family programs to expand the imagination. Performers and presenters from Tulsa and across the U.S. participate to help bring books to life. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy performances from Sugar Free Allstars, Mr. Stinky Feet, Monty Harper, Lucky Diaz, Tommy Terrific, magicians and many more entertaining and educational performers.



By visiting the library four times and reading eight books, children will earn a medal of achievement and a coupon booklet for free food and entertainment. By reading a total of 20 books, children will earn a bonus prize: birth to pre-K receive a plush animal rattle and children in kindergarten-5th grade receive an inflatable guitar.

Food and entertainment coupons include:

- Admission to Oklahoma Aquarium
- Admission to Tulsa Zoo
- Admission to Tulsa Air and Space Museum
- Admission to Tulsa Drillers game
- Admission to Tulsa State Fair
- Admission to Safari Joe's H2O
- Admission to Discovery Lab
- Cookie or turnover from Arby's
- Regular size ice-cream scoop from Marble Slab Creamery
- Admission to Tulsa Roughnecks FC game

- Cinnamon sticks from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
- Round-trip bus ride on Tulsa Transit
- Frozen custard scoop from Freckles Frozen Custard
- Original glazed doughnut from Krispy Kreme
- Decorated cookie from Merritt's Bakery
- Garlic Knots from Papa John's
- Cake pop from Central Library Starbucks

Children completing the program are entered in an end-of-summer drawing for these great prizes:

- (8) Bicycle with helmet, provided by the Friends of the Helmerich Library, with special assistance from Phat Tire Bike Shop
- Hornsby Birthday Party Experience courtesy of the Tulsa Drillers
- Tulsa Roughnecks FC Voucher for 2018 Family Stand tickets (10 included) to any Roughnecks regular season home game, provided by the Tulsa Roughnecks FC
- Season tickets for a family of four to the Imagination Series, provided by the Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust
- (6) Fishing with News On 6 meteorologist Lacey Swope, plus fishing gear, with special assistance from Five Oaks Lodge
- Family membership to the Oklahoma Aquarium
- Aviator (Family) membership to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum
- (25 pairs) Tulsa State Fair Mega Ride Pass wristband. The ride wristband includes unlimited rides for all 11 days of the 2018 Tulsa State Fair, Sept. 27–Oct. 7, as well as gate admission. All midway rides are included; excludes extreme rides.
- (2) Set of four tickets to OKC Thunder vs. Atlanta Hawks preseason game at BOK Center on Oct. 7
- (10) Mazzio's Italian Eatery pizza party for 10
- (3) Amahi Ukuleles provided by Fiery Bros. Music

Tweens and teens, having completed fifth grade, can reach their goal by reading six books throughout the summer. By completing the program, they will earn a coupon booklet for free entertainment and food items, as well as a fidget toy. Free coupons include:

- Admission to the Tulsa Zoo
- Admission to the Tulsa State Fair
- Admission to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum
- Admission to Discovery Lab
- Admission to a Tulsa Drillers game
- Admission to a Tulsa Roughnecks FC game
- Admission to Safari Joe's H2O
- Cinnamon sticks from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
- Frozen custard scoop from Freckles Frozen Custard
- Original glazed doughnut from Krispy Kreme
- Decorated cookie from Merritt's Bakery
- Round-trip bus ride on Tulsa Transit
- Garlic Knots from Papa John's
- Regular size ice-cream scoop from Marble Slab Creamery

Teens/tweens completing the program are entered in an end-of-summer drawing for these great prizes:

- Nintendo Switch console

- Xbox One S console
- PS4 Pro console
- (2) Laptop
- (2) \$50 Amazon gift card
- (2) \$100 Amazon gift card
- (2) \$50 Target gift card
- (2) \$100 Target gift cards
- iPad (2017)
- Kindle Fire HD 8
- Beats wireless headphones

Juggling workshops, drawing techniques and STEM programs are planned to keep these young adults learning while they are having fun. Throughout the summer professionals will help them explore concepts in illustration, writing and science.

Adults can model how reading is a fun and relaxing activity by joining the adult summer reading program. Adults can complete the program by reading or listening to four books to earn free treats and entertainment, as well as a color-changing tumbler.

Adults can also get in on the fun of earning entertainment and food coupons from these sponsors.

- Admission to Gilcrease Museum
- Admission to the Tulsa State Fair
- Cookie or turnover from Arby's
- Breakfast roll from Merritt's Bakery
- Admission to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum
- One cold or hot 16 oz. drink – buy one, get one free from Central Library Starbucks
- Admission to Tulsa Zoo
- Regular size-ice cream scoop from Marble Slab Creamery
- Small chocolate-chip dessert pizza from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
- \$2 off fines from Tulsa City-County Library
- Original glazed doughnut from Krispy Kreme

Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum has issued a friendly challenge to mayors in Skiatook, Sand Springs, Sperry, Collinsville, Broken Arrow, Owasso, Glenpool, Jenks and Bixby to see which community can have the highest percentage of children enrolled in Tulsa City-County Library's Summer Reading Program. The winning community will receive a special plaque to display for the year, as well as bragging rights for earning the distinction as a community of active readers. The readers at the Skiatook Library earned last year's coveted plaque.



Thank you to the 2018 summer reading program presenting sponsors: Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Tulsa Library Trust, Tulsa's Channel 8, TulsaKids Magazine, Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation, Williams, Tulsa Zoo, Gathering Place, Tulsa Drillers, Tulsa Roughnecks, Mazzio's and Tulsa State Fair. With their support, families can enjoy the free summer reading program and spend quality time together locally while young readers gain a sense of accomplishment.

That's a lot of programs and prizes from so many great community supporters who believe in the power of literacy. Join us in expanding our imaginations, and creating a community of readers and future leaders.

Find the [TCCL's 2018 Summer Reading Program Guide here](#).

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Mon, Apr 30, 2018

- 10:00 AM [Build A Reader Storytime: Babies \(Hardesty Library\)](#)
- 10:00 AM [Storytime at Kiddlestix](#)
- 10:30 AM [Build a Reader Storytime: Family \(Bixby Library\)](#)
- 10:30 AM [Build A Reader Storytime: Preschool \(Broken Arrow Library\)](#)
- 10:30 AM [Storytime Yoga](#)
- 11:00 AM [Tulsa Drillers vs. Northwest Arkansas](#)
- 11:00 AM [Don't Stop the Music \(Hardesty Library\)](#)
- 11:15 AM [Build a Reader: Stay and Play \(Bixby Library\)](#)
- 11:30 AM [SAMSON -- Live on Stage](#)
- 12:15 AM [Champions of Health nominations](#)
- 12:15 PM [The OK Karaoke Corral](#)
- 3:00 PM [Día de los Niños/Children's Day: Celebrate Children and Books With Us! \(Martin Regional Library\)](#)
- 3:30 PM [Gamer Lab \(Martin Regional Library\)](#)
- 4:00 PM [Hip-Hop Hour for Teens: Freestylin' and Beat Makin' in the Audio Lab \(Central Library\)](#)

- 4:30 PM [Rock Painting with Carla \(Reed Community Center\)](#)
- 5:00 PM [Rose of the Winds](#)
- 5:30 PM [Fitness on the Green: Yoga](#)
- 5:30 PM [Zumba \(Central Center in Centennial Park\)](#)
- 6:00 PM [Intro to 3-D Printing \(Zarrow Library\)](#)
- 6:30 PM [Swing Dance Classes at Lacy Community Center](#)
- 6:30 PM [Fitness on the Green: Defend Together](#)
- 6:30 PM [In the Middle \(Broken Arrow Library/South\)](#)
- 6:30 PM [Build A Reader Storytime: Family \(Central Library\)](#)
- 7:00 PM [Ceili Irish Dance](#)
- 7:00 PM [Cookbook Club: Sides \(Martin Regional Library\)](#)
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