

# Tulsa City-County Library's Summer Reading Program

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Tulsa City-County Library's 2016 summer reading programs for children, teens and even adults, encourage readers to keep the pages turning during the summer.

The free annual program is ongoing May 31-Aug. 6. To sign up, children and teens, ages newborn to 17, and adults can register at any Tulsa City-County Library or online at [www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer](http://www.TulsaLibrary.org/summer) – no library card required!

Those looking to avoid the rush of readers can preregister at their community library or online beginning May 1. There will be two additional grand-prize drawings: one for those who preregister May 1-30, and another for those registering May 1-June 30.

The summer reading program is a fun way to keep students reading throughout the summer to help retain and improve their reading skills. The program goes beyond the books by offering hundreds of free programs that will expand the

imagination. Performers and presenters from Tulsa, Oklahoma and across the U.S. participate to help bring books to life. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy performances from Sugar Free Allstars, Big Bang Boom Band, The Que Pastas, Jack and Kitty Norton, Monty Harper, Lucky Diaz, Tommy Terrific and many more entertaining and educational performers.

The theme for the children's program is "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read" and the tween/teen program theme is "Get in the Game – Read."

By visiting the library four times and reading or having eight books read to them, children will complete the program and earn a medal of achievement, and a booklet of coupons for free entertainment and food items. Medal winners who have completed kindergarten or are in first through fifth grade also are entered into the grand prize drawing featuring Tulsa State Fair Mega Ride Passes, bicycles and helmets, fishing trips and other great prizes. Medal winners who are not

yet school-aged will be entered into their own grand-prize drawing for gift certificates to local stores. By reading 20 books, children can earn a bonus prize – an inflatable baseball bat. Free 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 Tulsa Children's Museum
- Admission to Tulsa Roughnecks FC game
- Cinnamon sticks from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
- Round-trip bus ride on Tulsa Transit
- 4-piece Chicken McNuggets from McDonald's
- Frozen custard scoop from Freckles Frozen Custard
- Chicken nuggets from Wendy's
- Original glazed doughnut from Krispy Kreme
- Decorated cookie from Merritt's

## Bakery

· Garlic Knots from Papa John's  
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 well as an ID wallet with earbuds. Free coupons include:

- Admission to the Tulsa Zoo
- Admission to the Tulsa State Fair
- Admission to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum
- Admission to a Tulsa Drillers game
- Admission to a Tulsa Roughnecks FC game
- Cinnamon sticks from Mazzio's Italian Eatery
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A grand-prize drawing for teens and tweens includes \$100 gift cards to area merchants, laptops, Android tablets and other cool prizes.

Writing workshops, jewelry crafting and STEM programs are planned to keep the tweens and teens learning while they are having fun. Throughout the summer professionals will help them explore concepts in illustration, writing and science.

Adults can demonstrate that reading is not work by joining the adult summer reading program, "Exercise Your Mind. Read!" to model how reading can be fun and relaxing. Adults can complete the program by reading or listening to four books to earn free treats from Kripsy Kreme Doughnuts, Mazzio's, Merritt's Bakery, Panera and Wendy's, plus earn a cool Tulsa City-County Library messenger bag.

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