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Tulsa Library Summer Reading Program launches

■ No library card is required to participate in this year's program.

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[Register for the Tulsa City-County Library Summer Reading Program](#)

The Summer Reading Program through the Tulsa City-County Library launches this week with kickoff parties planned through Monday.

The free program allows children, youths and adults who read a certain number of books to earn coupons and prizes. The program runs through Aug. 6.

No library card is required to participate. Residents can register online at [TulsaLibrary.org/summer](#) or go to any library branch. Those signing up by June 30 will be entered into a drawing for an Oklahoma City Thunder family four pack for the NBA team's Oct. 13 exhibition game in

Gini McFarland and her children, Parker (left) and Presley, check in with Peres Kereotubo, a Summer Reading Program volunteer, at the Helmerich Library last summer. The youngsters were taking part in the library's summer programs during their school vacation. MATT BARNARD/Tulsa World file

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Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett issued a friendly challenge to area mayors in a competition for the highest percentage of children enrolling in the program. The winning city receives a plaque and bragging rights.

In the reading program for children — infants through fourth grade — the goal is to complete at least eight books and four visits to a library branch to get the coupon book.

Coupons include items such as admission to the Tulsa Zoo, the Tulsa Air and Space Museum, the Tulsa State Fair, the Oklahoma Aquarium, a Drillers game, a Roughnecks FC game and the Children's Museum.

Food prizes are from Mazzio's, Wendy's Freckles Frozen Custard, McDonald's, Krispy Kreme, Merritt's Bakery and Papa John's.

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In the Teens and Tweens program, for those who have completed fifth grade, the goal is to read at least six books. Those completing the program will receive the coupon book plus an identification wallet with earbuds.

A drawing for the older youths is for prizes that include \$100 gift cards to area retailers, laptop computers and Android tablets.

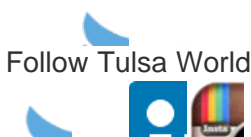
The adult program is for people 16 and older with a goal of finishing at least four books. Prizes include a library messenger bag, while supplies last, and some coupons from sponsors.

Events at Tulsa City-County Library branches throughout the summer include writing workshops, STEM activities, jewelry making and music.

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