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READING FUN — Oliver Sherin is all smiles at the library's summer reading program in Broken Arrow.

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Read for tuition money. State Treasurer Ken Miller announced the Fizz•Boom, Save for College Sweepstakes kickoff, which will award \$2,529 towards an Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan (OCSP) account to two Oklahoma readers this summer. As part of an annual partnership between the OCSP and Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL), the sweepstakes runs now through August

31 and is open to all Oklahoma parents, guardians and grandparents who have a child participating in the 2014 summer reading program. Treasurer Miller, who serves as board chair for the Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan, announced the sweepstakes today in hopes that children will understand the importance of reading over the summer. The goal of the sweepstakes is to keep kids from pre-school to high school reading throughout the summer. This is the sixth year for

the sweepstakes, which runs in conjunction with ODL's summer reading program. The sweepstakes awards \$2,529 towards an Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan account to two lucky ODL summer reading program participants. One winner each will be selected from the Children's program and Teen program. Plus, each library of the winning readers will receive \$1,000 to help fund its programs. No state funds are used. The Fizz•Boom, Save for

CollegeSweepstakes entry forms are available at participating libraries for parents, guardians and grandparents of all children signing up for the 2014 Summer Reading Program. Sweepstakes entry forms may be completed and returned to the library or returned by mail. Participants may also submit a sweepstakes entry online at OK4saving.org. Entry forms must be submitted online or postmarked by August 31. Visit your local public library for sweepstakes details and official rules.

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HELPING HAND — Sidney Schwendemann helps sister, Shelby, pour water into a cup where seeds had just been planted.

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GREAT DEALS, GREAT RESULTS

at Farmers Market

By John Ferguson
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Sisters Sidney and Shelby Schwendemann quietly stepped forward to the new Kid's Zone table on Saturday, June 28. The pair was not sure what to expect, but it quickly grew on them.

Sidney, 8, and Shelby, 3, got a quick food-growing lesson. The charity manning the booth gave all children a chance to plant a seed in a dirt-filled cup, take it home and watch it grow to replant later.

This was the first week for the Kid's Zone at Broken Arrow's Rose District Farmers Market. The Zone will be open two hours ev-

ery Saturday beginning at 9 a.m., with activities or, in this case, learning how to plant a seed.

The sponsor of the Kid's Zone will change every week. This week it was the Laura Dester Children's Center for Abused and Neglected Children. Donations were accepted, but the main duty for volunteers Sheri and Forrest Carpenter were to help plant seeds that could grow.

"We set up the table so kids can plant seeds in a cup, take it home, water it, replant it and watch it grow," said Forrest.

Saturday, July 5, there will be another charity at the Kid's Zone handling the booth's activities.

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