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ENJOY SUMMER AT LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

| Summer reading is for everyone at the Livermore Public Library. The Library's 2018 Summer Reading Program has four different levels of reading programs, all free of charge. Pre-readers, independent readers, and adults will pick up their summer reading game boards at the Library. Teens entering grades 6-12 will register and play their reading game all online. Prizes will be awarded in all programs, with the goal of reading, learning something new, and having fun! Participants may start playing on June 1st. All programs run through August 15th. Details will be posted at the Livermore Public Library's website: www.LivermoreLibrary.net.

"Reading Takes You Everywhere!" is the theme of the 2018 Summer Reading Program. The Livermore Public Library is committed to supporting youth summer learning through the Summer Reading Program. A study by Dominican University found that "children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. Children who participate in Summer Reading

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programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading and math when they return to school.”

Independent readers in grades K - 6 will complete a game board as they read, earning prizes along the way. Prizes may include ice cream vouchers, science kits, swimming passes, and more. Independent readers who reach the final reading goal will also receive a medal and get to choose a free book. Those who set their reading goal to at least 30 minutes per space on their board will also receive an invitation to meet the Mayor and City Council at a special City Council Awards Night in September.

Younger pre-readers, including babies, can play their own special game board. Parents and children read together to earn stickers and a tub of Play-Doh along the way. Those who complete their boards will earn a free book and a taco from Rubio’s Coastal Grill. Research has shown that reading to a child for as little as fifteen minutes every day has a huge impact on their early brain development! And, according to the American Library Association, reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love for reading, and motivates children to learn to read.

Teens entering 6th through 12th grades are invited to join in the summer reading fun as well. Teens may earn prizes for completing as few as five of the listed reading activities. Each participant who completes the first and second levels of the game is guaranteed a prize! Teens completing all twenty-five challenges will be entered into a raffle for one of two tablets. Starting June 1, teens may go online at www.livermorelibrary.net to register and begin recording the books they read through August 15.

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Summer reading is beneficial for adults also. Research has shown that reading and mental engagement are an integral part of maintaining a long and healthy life into adulthood and advancing age. Adults 18 and older can participate in a fun-filled Adult Summer Reading Program designed to challenge and inspire. Patrons may pick up a Travel Log at any Livermore Public Library location to participate. The Travel Log consists of six “destination” pages. Participants will complete one option from each page, such as reading a book, or attending a Livermore Public Library program, or completing any of the activities listed at the back of the Travel Log. Participants who complete any three “destination” pages can present the Travel Log to a library staff member to earn a prize. Those who complete all six “destination” pages by August 15th will be entered into a drawing to win more great prizes, including movie tickets and gift certificates to local restaurants and merchants.

Complementing the Summer Reading Programs will be a host of activities and entertainment for all ages, including performers, special events, crafts, and much more. All events are free; however, some may require registration to participate. Summer Reading Programs are supported by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Additional sponsors include Beer Baron Bar and Grill, Eight Bridges Brewing Company, Foster’s Freeze, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, LARPD, Robot Garden, Rubio’s Coastal Grill, and the San Francisco Giants. Visit the library to pick up a Summer at Your Library events booklet, call 925-373-5505, or visit the library’s website, www.LivermoreLibrary.net, for further details. |

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