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## **This Summer Spend More Time Reading!**

Spokane, Washington – **Spokane Public Library’s Summer Reading Program officially begins June 1 at all library branches and online.** This reading program for youth and adults is a fun way to begin the summer and win prizes. Youth, 17 and younger, who complete 15 hours of reading; silent reading, audiobooks, magazines, comic books, etc. by August 31 will get to choose a book from the Summer Reading Giveaway Books. These books are provided by the Spokane Public Library Friends of the Library, an all-volunteer group that raises money by selling used books. Adults will be entered to win prizes donated by the Spokane Public Library Foundation.

**Also starting June 1, the library has planned multiple exciting activities for children throughout the summer.** From learning about insects and reptiles to making a new craft, library branches will offer activities all summer long. A full calendar of Summer Reading events is available at <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/>. You may sign up for the Summer Reading Program on line beginning June 1 at <http://read.spokanelibrary.org>.

Not only is the Summer Reading Program fun, research shows that when kids read in the summer they are ready to learn in the fall. Reading is a great down-time activity in between playing outside and enjoying summer break. A visit to the library on a hot summer day is a great escape from the heat and a book is always an adventure into a different time, culture and world! Enjoy some free entertainment this summer that doesn’t require an admission ticket, or have a height restriction. Any branch librarian will be happy to assist in picking out a book or recommending a summer read.

### **About Spokane Public Library**

Spokane Public Library delivers high quality education for all – opportunities to read, to learn, and discover the world. In accomplishing our mission, we keep in mind certain values that contribute to creating an open and welcoming place where all people can use the services of the library freely.

For general information about the library, please go to our website at [www.SpokaneLibrary.org](http://www.SpokaneLibrary.org) or call us at 509-444-5300.

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