

# UNEARTH A STORY™

## FCPL 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

### ***Legends at the Library: Unearthing History with IUP Anthropology | Thursday 6/4 @6pm | All Ages***

Join us for a special “keynote” presentation to kick off our 2026 Summer Reading Program! IUP Anthropologists will be presenting their work in the field study of a World War II B-24 plane crash in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. **Registration encouraged as space is limited.**

### ***Baby Bookworms | Fridays @11:30am 6/12 - 7/17 | Ages 0-2***

Join us for a simple story, songs, and sensory exploration! No registration necessary.

### ***Summer Storytime | Wednesdays @11:30am OR 1pm 6/10 - 7/15 | Ages 3+***

Come read, dance, sing, & create! No registration necessary.

### ***Snack N STEM | Fridays @1pm 6/12 - 7/17 | Ages 6+***

Explore a different STEM activity each week - with a snack! **Registration required.**

### ***'I Survived' Book Club | Thursdays @1pm 6/11 - 7/16 | Ages 8+***

Experience what it would be like to survive some of the greatest disasters and events throughout history! **Registration required; library membership required to borrow a copy of each book.**

### ***Banned Book Club | Tuesdays @1pm 6/9 - 7/14 | Ages 12-18***

Unearth stories that have been challenged in recent history, learn about intellectual freedom, and chat with some of the authors! **Registration required; library membership required to borrow a copy of each book.**

### ***Summer Readers Club | Tuesdays @11:30am 6/9 - 7/14 | Ages 18+***

Read any of the titles from our featured Summer Reading List - then drop in weekly to discuss the books you've read & gather recommendations to unearth your next read! No registration necessary.

### ***Story Night: Carnegie Museum of Natural History | Thursday 6/11 @6pm | Ages 3+***

Join special guests from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for a hands-on lesson with artifacts, fossils, rocks, and more to learn about all things dinosaur! **Registration required as space is limited!**

### ***Story Night: Prehistoric Pets | Thursday 7/9 @6pm | Ages 3+***

Learn about today's pets who have tons in common with their prehistoric ancestors! Obersts Pet Paradise will be joining us at the library with some of their dinotastic pet friends. **Registration required as space is limited!**

### ***Escape Room: The Lost Fossil | Friday 6/12, 6/26, & 7/10 + Saturdays 6/13, 6/27, & 7/11 | \$30/group (2-6 people)***

A legendary, undocumented fossil has been discovered — one that could rewrite history. But the site supervisor sealed the discovery behind a series of field tests, research locks, and specimen containers to prevent tampering. You must document the find, unlock the specimen cases, and escape before you are found out. This Escape Room will be held in FCPL's Reading Room with timeslots from 12pm to 8pm. Difficulty: moderate. Children welcome with an adult. **Book your timeslot online now or at the library!**

### ***Summer Reading Wrap Up Party | Saturday 7/18 @12pm | All Ages***

Celebrate the end of our 2026 Summer Reading Program with prizes, awards, photo opps, treats, giveaways, and more! Winners will be drawn for our Summer Reading Challenge prizes, and our top readers per reading level will be announced and presented with their awards! All reading challenge participants, program attendees, and Summer Reading sponsors are welcome to attend! No registration necessary.

For more information or to register, stop in the library or visit our SRP webpage at [armstronglibraries.org/fcpl-summer-reading](http://armstronglibraries.org/fcpl-summer-reading)

Check our June & July schedules for info on all our other regular programs, too!



# FCPL 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

## Register!

Register digitally through the ReaderZone app with code 1A6A4  
OR in person at the library to log on paper. Deadline to register is July 11!

Choose the reading level that best describes you or your child's reading ability and the books you or your child typically read. Ages listed below are just for reference!

- **Pre-Readers:** Children around ages 0 to 5 who are exclusively or mostly read to by another person - typically reading picture books.
- **Early Readers:** Children around ages 5 to 9 who are reading mostly by themselves but may ask for help or still enjoy being read to - typically reading a range from picture books, level readers, and early chapter books.
- **Independent Readers:** Children around age 9+, teens, and adults who are independently reading chapter books, young adult books, or adult books.

## Read!

Read and log between June 6 and July 17!

- Logging opens on ReaderZone automatically on June 6. If logging on paper, please only log the books you read starting June 6!
- **Any** books can be logged - library books, books you own, books you borrow from a friend, print books, e-books, audiobooks - any & all books! But please, **do not log** brochures, pamphlets, signs, instruction booklets, etc. - just books!
- Re-reading books counts! Especially for young readers, repetition builds literacy skills. Count every time a book is read!
- Books read **by** independent readers **to** pre-readers or early readers should only be logged for those pre-readers and early readers.

## Reward!

Earn 1 ticket for each book read. The more books you read → the more tickets you earn → the more chances to win the prize of your choice!

Have your Reading Log checked and enter your tickets:

- Bring your paper Reading Log in or have library staff pull up your ReaderZone account for a reading log check once each week → if you've earned tickets, you'll be able to enter them at that time!
- You may also wait until the end of the Reading Challenge to have your Reading Log checked all at once.
- Bonus tickets can also be earned throughout our Summer Reading Program for attending programs & completing activities! Be on the look out for these opportunities!

Prize winners will be drawn during our Summer Reading Wrap Up Party on Saturday, July 18 at 12PM!

- ALL books & bonus activities must be counted **before** 12PM on Saturday, July 18 to count toward the prize drawing & top reader totals.
- Tickets will be separated by reading level for fairness.
- The Summer Reading Challenge drawing will be limited to one prize per reader.
- Top Readers will also be announced at the Summer Reading Wrap Up Party and will each receive an award for their achievement.
- All Summer Reading Program & Summer Reading Challenge participants and sponsors are invited to the Wrap Up Party!

## Special THANKS to our Summer Reading Sponsors!

Interested in becoming a Summer Reading Sponsor?

Visit our SRP webpage at [armstronglibraries.org/fcpl-summer-reading](http://armstronglibraries.org/fcpl-summer-reading) to submit your sponsorship online or download a form; forms also available at the library.

All sponsors will be listed on our webpage & social media, on our Summer Story/Walk in Ford Memorial Park, and on our Summer Reading Program banner to be displayed outside the library.