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Get Your Summer Read On At Niagara Falls Public Library

Summer Reading Clubs for all ages to begin June 18

Niagara Falls, Ont. - Niagara Falls Public Library is ready to read all summer and will kick off their Summer Reading Clubs on Saturday, June 18 on Get Your Summer Read On Day.

Anyone who registers for the Summer Reading Clubs at any of NFPL's three library locations on June 18 will be entered into a draw to win a family-friendly prize. The drop-in events will take place from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. and will feature scavenger hunts and a creature naming contest, as well as button, balloon and sticker giveaways.

"After the last two summers of limited or strictly virtual Summer Reading Clubs, we're so happy to have an in-person event planned to celebrate the start of summer reading," says Library CEO Alicia Subnaik Kilgour. "Summer reading brings our community together in an interactive and entertaining way while also supporting reading and literacy, which is more important than ever after two years of interrupted learning."

This year there will be three Summer Reading Clubs, each slightly different depending on the age of the reader. All challenges will run from June 18 until September 5. Children up to age five can register for Every Child Ready to Read while the Kids Summer Reading Club is available for children ages 5-13. Both clubs are based on the TD Summer Reading Club program and coordinating booklets will be given to each child when they register. Teenagers and adults are welcome to take part in 9 to Try Challenge which will encourage reading books in 9 different categories over the summer.

All readers will use the Beanstack app or website to log their reading minutes and complete literacy based activities throughout the summer. The popular bead program is back this year, the first time since 2019, and kids will earn bead points for every twenty minutes read and can redeem the points for beads. Necklaces with "brag tags" that match this year's TD Summer Reading Club theme will be included in each registration package and beads can be added to the chain over the summer. Anyone who is unable to regularly log reading into Beanstack will be able to sign up for an offline account with library staff.

As an extra incentive to get reading, any child (up to age 13) who logs at least 5 hours of reading in Beanstack before September 5 and any teenager or adult (14+) who reads at

least 10 hours will be entered to win two passes to Niagara Parks attractions and historic sites (value \$416.78) courtesy of Niagara Parks.

A new twist to the 2022 Summer Reading Club is the introduction of the Readers Cup. The Niagara Falls school whose students read the most minutes over the course of the summer will win the trophy. Library staff will present it to the winning school in the fall and the school can keep it for display until the following summer.

Summer reading is extremely important, especially after the last few years of pandemic learning. Studies show that kids experience learning loss over the summer months so programs like the TD Summer Reading Club are incredibly important to help inspire kids to explore the fun of reading in their own way, which is key to building a lifelong love of reading.

More information is available on the Library's Summer Reading Club site (<https://nfpl.info/src>). Reading prompts, book lists, and programs will be posted on the library's website and on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)) over the summer.

Get Your Summer Read On Day, Saturday, June 18 from 12-3 p.m., will be held at the following locations: Victoria Avenue (4848 Victoria Avenue), Community Centre (MacBain Community Centre, 7150 Montrose Road), and Chippawa (3763 Main Street).

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About the Niagara Falls Public Library:

The Niagara Falls Public Library is a free, inclusive community space open to all. Residents of the City of Niagara Falls are invited to register for a free library card to access all of our resources, both physical and digital. The Niagara Falls Public Library dates back to 1878, and today has four library locations serving the City of Niagara Falls - Victoria Avenue Library, Community Centre Library, Chippawa Library, NovelBranch library kiosk at the Gale Centre as well as the Stamford Centre Library which is currently closed for construction. Please visit our website at my.nflibrary.ca for more information.

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