

# Summer 2026

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Earn badges by completing the 3 activities listed under each badge. There are **20 badges total** you can earn this summer! If you complete **at least 10 badges**, you have earned your entry into the **Foam Party on July 23!**

Remember you can stop in the library anytime during open hours to pick up your physical badges and add them to your lanyard you received for registering for the program.

### Register!

#### Pick Up

a lanyard you can use to keep all the badges you earn!

and a packet of flower seeds just for signing up!



Check out at least 10 items from WPL. \*Hint - These don't all have to be books, but at least one HAS to be a book.

Look up some new jokes. (The library has some great joke books!) Tell at least 5 people a new joke you learned.

Read or listen to a book that starts with the same letter as the first letter in your name.



Read at least 7 days in a row! Each day you must read for at least 15 minutes consecutively for it to count.

Ask a library staff member for a book recommendation.

Spell out your name using items found in nature (twigs, pebbles, leaves, flower petals).



Read for 30 minutes.

Find a nonfiction book to read about something you've never heard of before. Then ask 3 people if they know anything about the new topic you learned about.

Draw a colorful flower bookmark to use in your current book.



Write a nice note or draw a picture and leave it inside a book for the next reader to find.

Read in 6 different places around your house for at least 15 minutes in each spot.

Have a family member or friend read a chapter or a picture book aloud to you.



Take a book to a local park or playground and read for 15 minutes.

Read a book for at least 15 minutes while eating a fresh, healthy summer fruit or vegetable snack.

Read under the covers with a flashlight or a headlamp for at least 15 minutes.



Play a word game like Scrabble, Boggle, a word search, hangman, or a crossword puzzle.

Recommend a book to a friend, sibling, or librarian.

Read for 45 minutes in one day. You can break up the time and do smaller chunks, but you have to get all 45 minutes within 24 hours.



Do 10 jumping jacks and/or 5 sit ups before starting a new book or before you start each chapter in a book.

Attend a library program of your choice!

Look up a word you don't know that you encountered in your reading and learn its definition. Share the new word with another person.



Read a folk tale, fairy tale, myth, or retelling. Bonus if it is from another culture!

Read for 20 minutes.

Ask an older relative or family friend what their favorite book was when they were your age. Ask them what books really stuck with them in their youth.



Get everyone in your house to read either to themselves at the same time or aloud together for at least 15 minutes.

Plant the seeds you received for signing up for the summer reading program!

Create a reading goal for yourself for the summer and post it in a place where you can see it often.

Read two books from the same author or series.

Read for 20 minutes. This cannot be in conjunction with any other badges.

Browse the shelves at the library for at least 10 minutes. Open at least 12 books you have never seen before. Read inside the cover and count the time you spent reading!

Ask a librarian for a board game recommendation.

Create a piece of art to give to Ms. Emily to put on display in the library. (Summer art projects can be picked up after July.)

Read the recipe while you help make dinner!



Write a thank you note to someone who has done something nice for you this summer and deliver or mail it to them.

Before and after you do some reading, do at least 5 stretches or yoga poses.

Ages 3-7: Read something from >5 different picture book categories.  
Ages 7+: Read something from >3 different middle grade fiction genres.

Read a non-fiction book about something that has to do with bugs, gardens, flowers, nature, science or weather.

Read or listen to a book while in the car.

Write a review of a book you finished recently and leave it at the youth desk for Ms. Emily. Make sure to give it a 1-5 star rating!

Find two different kinds of bugs outside and figure out what they are!

Read near water (safely) - at the pool, beach, lake, or your backyard hose/sprinkler. PS - Don't let your book get wet!

Ask someone the following ?'s:  
-What are you reading?  
-What is it about?  
-Do you like it so far?  
-Would you recommend it?



Visit the library garden and try to name at least 4 types of flowers or plants!

Ask to do a chore of your parents' choosing. No complaining while you complete it!

Read 5 days in a row for at least 20 minutes each day. NOTE - This reading cannot be used for the same days as the DIG DEEP badge.



Set a 10 minute "power" timer and read without stopping!

Read a book from the library's Ebook collections: BRIDGES (Libby) or BookFlix.

Go for a walk and tell someone about what you've been reading as you walk together.



Find 4 different kinds of leaves from trees. Then identify what kinds of trees each leaf came from.

Read a book that has rhyming and rhythm. For older youth, you could read a novel in verse or some poetry instead, if you choose.

Read at least 50 pages!



Read a book with a plant, tree, or flower on the cover.

Read a book that is longer or thicker than the last book you read.

Read outside somewhere you've never read before. (Make sure it's safe and to tell an adult where you're going!)



Learn some nature words in another language. Some ideas for words you could learn are: tree, flower, seed, plant, garden, and water.

Read a book that came from a library display.

Visit the library's bookmobile and check out a book. Ask a librarian for the bookmobile's schedule or check the WPL website calendar.



Tell someone that doesn't live with you about your favorite character from a book you've read.

Read a book that teaches you to do something.

Read a book that has a map inside it.