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Summer Reading Program at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County

ReadQuest: Get in the Game @ Your Library

June 1 through July 31

Make a Puzzle Day Kickoff on June 10

Teen Kickoff Parties on June 2

Kids and teens are invited to play hard, get smart, and have fun during *ReadQuest*, the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County's 33rd annual summer reading program. From June 1 through July 31, they can *Get in the Game @ Your Library* to enjoy an action packed line-up of programs and fun prizes, too.

This summer the Library has teamed up with the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the Cincinnati Kings Professional Outdoor Soccer Team, and Executive Women International. To help motivate youth to read, these community-minded organizations have provided some exciting *ReadQuest* Grand Prizes.

The Library is the ultimate playground for your mind. So don't let your kids get sidelined. This year's program motivates kids and teens to enjoy the recreation of reading and playing all sorts of games. All they need to do is pick up a game card at any library location beginning June 1 and let the games begin.

Reading Incentives Plus Grand Prizes

As an added incentive, prizes will be awarded to kids and teens just for taking time to read, listening to audiobooks or attending Library programs. By participating anyone can advance through four prize levels and win a prize at each level. Those who successfully complete all four levels are eligible to enter into a Grand Prize Drawing.

Grand Prize For Kids:

Picnic at the Zoo - One lucky kid from every Library location will win a special picnic outing at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden to take place on Thursday, August 10. This wild picnic package will include four complimentary Zoo tickets, a late afternoon snack and beverage, plus a *Wildlife Comes to You* program at the picnic shelter courtesy of the Cincinnati Zoo. Parking not included. A total of 42 four picnic packages will be awarded in all!

Twenty Kids Bikes - Entries will be collected from all Library locations to go into a drawing for 20 kids to win a bike donated by Executive Women International.

Grand Prize For Teens:

Cincinnati Kings V.I.P. Soccer Event - One lucky teen from every Library location will win an exclusive V.I.P. event at the August 12 Cincinnati Kings professional outdoor soccer game. Each winning teen will receive two tickets to the game, pizza with the team, autographs, a pre-game soccer clinic, and a team T-shirt all provided courtesy of Cincinnati Kings.

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ReadQuest Kickoff

Make a Puzzle Day - On Saturday, June 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m., kids, teens and families can stop by any Library location to make a puzzle. Most everything you need to personalize your own puzzle will be on hand as well as some refreshments.

Teen Kickoff Parties - Teens can also attend one of eight teen kickoff parties to be held on Friday, June 2 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Anderson, College Hill, Forest Park, Green Township, Harrison, Symmes Township, Walnut Hills and Westwood branch libraries. The parties will feature Dance Dance Revolution (DDR), food, and music.

What's Your Game? Find it @ the Library!

- Get the noggin going with brainteasers, puzzles, Sudoku, and puzzling science.
- Let your imagination go wild with *Invention @ Play*, creative workshops for kids.
- Try your luck at popular board games. Or, make a Mancala board and learn to play.
- Play new games and old favorites like marbles, jacks and cards.
- Find out the strategies behind chess, and then get into a match.
- Test your skill during corn hole tourneys and carnival nights.
- Meet local athletes and learn from the pros.
- Teens show off your best moves though Dance, Dance Revolution (DDR), Salsa or African/Haitian dance.
- Get down to nature with backyard archeology, live animal visits, incredible insects, and more.
- Bring your cards and get into an informal Yu-Gi-Oh! duel.
- Teens, watch movies, anime films, food, & fun.
- Get in the act and learn to put on a show. Take part in teen theatre camps.
- Be artistic by doodling & drawing, designing sidewalk art, and box building.
- Create paper mosaics, origami, jewelry, clay pinch pots, and more.
- Get in a rhythm with old time music, music workshops, even yoga for kids.

There's all this and plenty more. For the complete list of *ReadQuest* programs visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

ReadQuest is made possible by the Friends of the Public Library, the Kersten Fund, the Anderson Library Association, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Cincinnati Kings Professional Outdoor Soccer Team, and Executive Women International.

American Red Cross Babysitting Certification for Youth - Red Cross-trained babysitters are prepared to handle almost anything – and are in high demand! To become a certified babysitter, youth ages 11 and older can sign up at various Library locations where classes will be offered throughout the summer. Students learn accident prevention, diapering, feeding and emergency first aid. They also learn to interact with children through appropriate games, toys and activities as well as how to prepare for a job as a babysitter. Youth can earn trust from parents and increase their demand and income from babysitting! Attend all 8 hours of the sessions at one location to receive certification. Call in advance to register. Space is limited.

West End Branch, 369-6026

June 5, 6, 7 & 8 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Oakley Branch, 369-6038

June 12 & 15 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Sharonville Branch, 369-6049

June 17, 19, 21, & 23 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Main Library, 369-6922

July 12, 14, 19, & 21 10:00 a.m.-noon

Delhi Branch, 369-6019

August 14, 15, 16, 17 9:30-11:30 a.m.

✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org**