#### WHY SUMMER READING IS IMPORTANT



#### PREVENT "SUMMER SLIDE"

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall.



#### BUILD A BRIDGE

Children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading AND math when they return to school.

### **2016 Summer Reading Program**

"Read to the Rhythm" is a production of the Illinois Library Association and the IREAD (Illinois Reading Enrichment & Development) committee. The goal of this reading program is to instill the enjoyment of reading in children, kindergarten through eighth grade, young adults, and adults; to promote reading as a lifelong pastime.

The NSA Mid-South MWR Community Recreation program is proud to work with this organization. We appreciate all of you who participate in our 2016 Summer Reading Program.

### **How Does The Summer Reading Program Work?**

Our Summer Reading Program encourages kids & families to read over the Summer by offering FREE prizes & fun activities. Research has proven that Summer reading programs contribute to reducing "Summer Slide", or earning loss, that occurs over the school break.

#### Why read to the rhythm?

Music, movement & books are a natural fit. There is a clear link between experiencing music & early literacy. The ability to move to a beat has been shown to improve language learning & reading.

And how could it get even better?

You also earn prizes for reading!



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# Summer Recreation Summer Reading Program!

July 1—August 12



- 1) Stop by the Ellison Community Recreation Center to sign up and pick up your Starter Prize Packet & Official Reading Log by June 30, 2016.
- 2) After you log reading 10 books return to Ellison to pick a prize from our Prize Locker!
- 3) Join us at the "End of Summer Reading Program Celebration" which will be held August 20, 2016 at the Back to School Splash Fest Party!



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# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ

Please read books that are at your reading level. Every time you complete a book or an activity, record it in the Book Log.

Activities that can be recorded on the Book Log include:

- $\hfill \square$  Reading books, newspapers or magazines
- ☐ Reading a Story as a family
- ☐ Listening to an audio book

Parents, please note that even young ones can participate in this program. Each book that you read to your child counts, & should be recorded on their Book Log. We know that they love to re-read their favorite books, so titles can be recorded up to two times on the Book Log.

Once ten books are recorded in the Book Log the participant can stop by the Ellison Community Recreation Center Office to pick out a prize of their choice.

All children who participate in the Summer Reading Program will receive a T-shirt, a book mark, & a Certificate of Accomplishment, as well as some other goodies!

And!!! To thank you for your participation in the 2016 Reading Program—all participants and their family members are invited to join us at the Back to School Splash Fest Party on Saturday, August 20, 2016 for the end of Program Celebration where they can stop by the Navy Community Recreation Tent for a Special Prize Package.

## **BOOK LOG**

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Get ready for a summer of reading, rhythm and a rockin' good time with great activities, crafts & story times!