

2015 Oregon Summer Reading

Oregon public libraries provide free voluntary reading programs and expanded learning opportunities that link real-world experiences to reading and writing. Librarians help children and teens select reading materials that match their reading ability and their personal interests. Libraries partner with local organizations to engage underserved families in summer reading in conjunction with other services.

Expanded Learning



222,582 people participated in 5,052 activities



1,630 teens volunteered to help libraries implement summer reading

Free Voluntary Reading

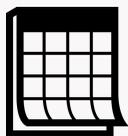
68,735 children and teens completed the summer reading program. Cumulatively they...



Read 144,643 books



Read 394,005 hours



Read at least 5 minutes for 285,580 days



Did 101,485 literacy activities

Engaging Underserved Youth



40% of libraries provided materials in Spanish and 18% presented activities in Spanish



35% of libraries took summer reading to free lunch sites and 13% of libraries were free lunch sites



39% of libraries did summer reading outreach at schools, daycare, and/or afterschool programs



Meet the **Crook County Library** 2015 summer reading grand prize raffle winner. She [name withheld for privacy] was motivated to read every single day during the summer because she wanted to win the grand prize—a Kindle. When she won, she screamed with joy and even started crying a little bit. A few days later, the librarian saw her curled up in the library’s window seat reading a book on her new Kindle. Winning offered her the opportunity to keep up the daily habit by reading library books on her new Kindle during the school year. 94% of parents surveyed at Crook County Library reported that their children maintained or improved their reading skills during the summer reading program.

Jack and Ali participated in **McMinnville Public Library’s** summer reading program. The brother and sister duo read 20 minutes a day all summer long without skipping a day to earn Trail Blazers tickets—the grand prize for all youth who completed the Ultimate Reading Challenge. Several families banded together to encourage each other to read so they could all earn tickets and make a family-friendly night out of going to a Trail Blazers game. One of the moms in the group said, “The kids are so proud of themselves for not only reading everyday all summer long, but also contributing to something very special for their family—something that wouldn’t have happened had they not done their reading.”

Gregg is 16 years old and has volunteered at the **Jefferson County Library** to help with the summer reading program for three years. He is also a lifeguard at the local pool and musician. This spring Gregg’s single-parent father died in an accident. Suddenly parentless and grieving, library staff expressed care and provided support that Gregg needed. He went on to fulfill all the commitments he made before this tragedy occurred. He presented a water safety play for children at the library, performed in the library band, and much more. Throughout it all, he was caring and helpful with the children participating in the summer reading program—a great role model and true hero.