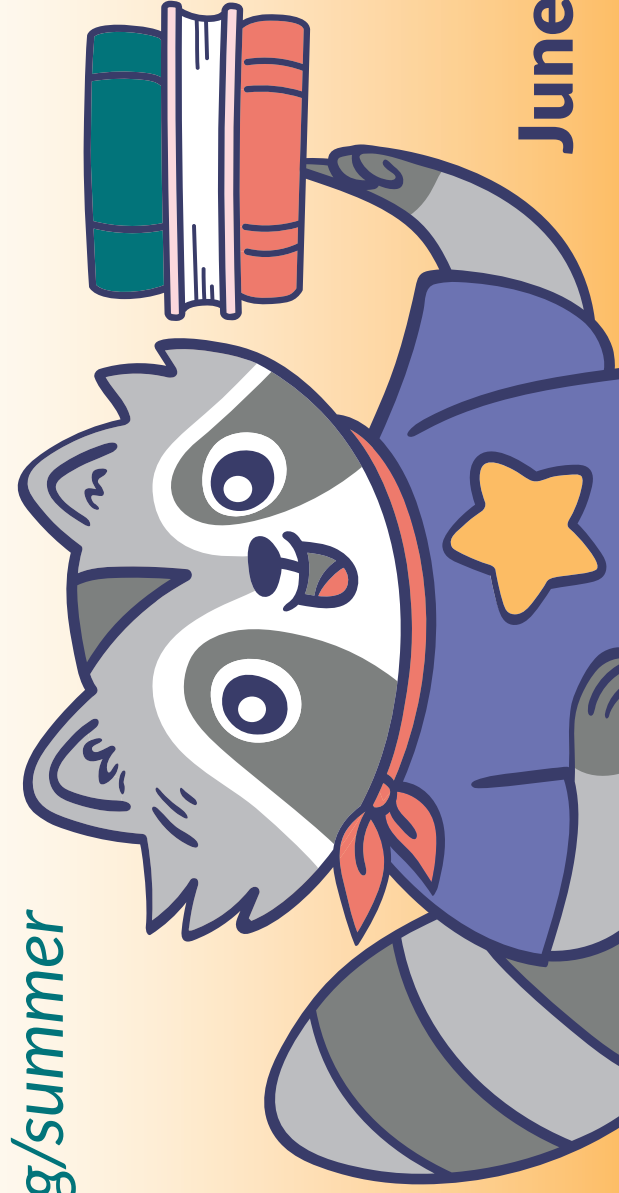


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Summer Reading Challenge

For Kids, Teens, and Adults

June 6 - August 2, 2026



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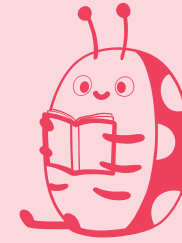
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Don't have a library card?

Visit the Customer Service
desk on the 1st floor to pick
up yours today! Or apply
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DPPL'S SUMMER 2026 Design-A-Bookmark Contest

June 1 - June 30 

Use paint, crayon, pencil, marker,
mixed media, or any other material
you choose. Your design can express
your love of DPPL, books, art, sports,
community, or anything else!

**Create your masterpiece
using this template**

Or print a template out at dppl.org



(Make sure to stay within the white area)

DPPL'S SUMMER 2026 Design-A-Bookmark Contest

June 1 - June 30

Four winners will be selected, one from each age category:

Preschool - 3rd grade 4th - 8th grade
9th - 12th grade Adult

Winning entries will be professionally printed and given out at the Des Plaines Public Library for all to enjoy! Additional entry forms are available to download and print at dppl.org/summer or at our library service desks on each floor. Return your completed entry to the Customer Service desk on the 1st floor or scan and email to summer@dppl.org.

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

One entry per person. Bookmark designs will be accepted between June 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026 only. Entries will not be returned after judging. Entries will be considered only when they are accompanied by a completed and signed Registration Form. Bookmark designs must be completely original work. Nothing previously published will be accepted. Popular figures (Disney, Marvel, etc.) will not be considered due to copyright restrictions. Parent or guardian must sign the release form in all categories except Adult. Des Plaines Public Library staff members will judge entries. Submissions will be judged on originality and creativity. All judges' decisions are final.

Participant's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

Preschool-3rd grade 4th-8th grade 9th-12th grade Adult

I hereby grant the right to use the participant's name, creative work, and visual image on the Des Plaines Public Library website, publicity, and social media.

I hereby grant the right for DPPL to print bookmarks of the winning design to be made available free of charge in the Library.

Participant's signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's signature (if participant is under 18): _____

Date: _____



Kids (Birth - Grade 6)

- **Pick up your Summer Reading Log** anytime during the Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Set a daily reading goal** for yourself and keep track on your log!
- **Read 20 days** for a T-shirt and **40 days** for a book.
- **Bring your Summer Reading Log** to the Library each week, visit our Summer Reading table, and tell us about what you are reading to earn a new bead for your SRC bead keepsake!
- **Visit our website** for a complete list of upcoming programs and activities. Look forward to drop-in crafts, musical shows, take-home kits, storytimes, and more!

SRC Kickoff Party!

Tuesday, June 9 | 1:00 - 4:00 pm
in Library Plaza



Adults

- **Bi-Weekly Connections Contest:** A new Connections puzzle game (based on the popular New York Times Game) will be posted bi-weekly on the 3rd floor with 2 winners drawn. The prize is a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant.
- **Reading Contest:** Read a book, submit an entry for each book in person or online, and be entered in a drawing to win weekly prizes and grand prizes. Prizes include \$150 gift cards to:
 - Whirlyball
 - The Des Plaines Theatre
 - Escape Room
 - Time Mission
 - DPPL Apparel
 - Professional Women's Hockey
 - Indoor Kart Racing
- **Des Plaines Landmarks Bracket Voting:** What is the MOST iconic Des Plaines landmark? Vote for your favorite. Bonus: a scavenger hunt to explore Des Plaines history on the 3rd floor.

Many programs and activities are made possible by our generous partner:



Teens (Grades 7 - 12)

- **Read a book, attend a program, or write a book review** to be entered into a drawing to win a Nintendo Switch 2! The more books you read and programs you attend, the more entries you get.
- **Earn a \$5 gift card for Brew Coffee Lab.** To qualify, pick up a punch card, and get it punched each time you:
 - Attend a program.
 - Checkout an eBook or eAudiobook.
 - Read a book.
 - Say hello to a librarian.
 - Listen to our Summer Teen Playlist on Freegal to explore Des Plaines history.

Find all the details at
DPPL.org/Summer

Free Gift Info

Drop in during Canvas open hours from **May 27th - September 5th** to create a special DPPL Celebrates America's 250th kit, including a limited edition zippered pouch, commemorative sticker, and a pocket-sized copy of the Declaration of Independence. While supplies last.

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