**We are excited to introduce Beanstack** ~

a fun online summer reading log

with Activities, Wish Lists, and Book Suggestions!

**About Beanstack:**

* Beanstack has some awesome features, including weekly emails with book and library event suggestions based on your readers’ ages and reading preferences; the book suggestions link back to the HPL catalog. You can also create a Wish List based on book suggestions provided by the Beanstack program!
* The **Beanstack Tracker mobile app** (available in the Google Play store for Android phones and in the App Store for iPhones) has a timer to track your reading sessions, an ISBN scanner to quickly add titles to your log, and more!
* Beanstack Activities include weekly secret codes; scavenger hunts to encourage readers to try different genres and types of books; picture reviews; and writing book reviews of your favorite books this summer.

**Web addresses/links:**

* You can access the Beanstack online log through the Children’s Room page of the library’s website: <http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children> Click on the Summer Reading box, and you will be directed to the online log.
* If you’d like to bookmark the link, **the direct link is:  https://harvardpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/**

**Create an account:**

* Beanstack is a **new** online summer reading program for the HPL, so you will need to create an account even if you participated in summer reading 2017.
* It only takes a few minutes to sign up! Just click the green “**Register an Individual or Family**” button to register.
* Create **one account for your whole family**: an adult sets up the family account, and then adds readers. This way you will have one username and password for your whole family.
* You can create your account at any time; however, you cannot record your reading until June 20. This is because summer reading begins when school ends – you should start tracking your ***summer*** reading ***after*** you get out of school on June 20.

**Redeeming your prizes:**

* Whenever you come to the library, ask the children’s librarian to check your online reading log and we’ll check your summer reading account and redeem the prizes that you have earned.

**What kind of reading counts for summer reading?**

* You can count ***any*** reading you do, including listening to books on CD, or listening to someone read to you, and you can count time that you spend reading to someone else. The book, magazine or newspaper you read can be from anywhere – it doesn’t have to be something that you’ve checked out from the library.

**CHARITY DONATION, BOOKPLATES, PRIZES, AND RAFFLES:**

* We will have a variety of prizes available for you to choose from **starting on June 22** (the day after the Ice Cream Social) and **going through August 16**. We will not always have the same prizes available; every year some prizes are more popular and, unfortunately, run out.
* Part of this summer’s prize structure is a donation from the Friends of the Harvard Public Library to the World Wildlife Fund! You will receive one charity donation voting ticket for each 60 minutes of reading you do over the summer; use your tickets to vote for which animal you think the library should sponsor.
* After 1800 minutes of reading (30 hours of reading), you’ll be working towards a bookplate to be put into a library book, with your name and the total number of hours that you spent reading over the summer!
* **Important:** **if you’re working for a bookplate, remember that you *stop* tracking your reading on August 16. You do *not* have to come in to the library that day to confirm your reading time; we can access your online account after summer reading officially ends.**
* Each week the library will raffle off some cool prizes, including books, t-shirts, and stuffed animals. Come to the library each week, and you can enter your name into the raffle; more details in the Children’s Room!