



HARVARD PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING 2022 JUNE 22 THROUGH AUGUST 18

WELCOME TO SUMMER READING AT THE HPL!

We are so excited about this summer's reading program, [Read Beyond the Beaten Path!](#)

The library's summer reading program is designed to encourage kids to read, write, think, and create all summer long.

Using Beanstack, a terrific online program, kids can track their reading time, write book reviews, do tons of fun activities, earn badges and prizes, and enter raffle ticket drawings for cool prizes.

You can count *any* reading you do, including reading print books, reading e-books, listening to audiobooks or listening to someone read to you, and you can count time that you spend reading to someone else. The books you read can be from anywhere – they don't have to be something that you've checked out from the library.

In addition, the library is hosting some great outdoor performances and events and also outdoor storytimes and craft programs this summer. See the summer reading calendar for complete information about summer events. Events are free of charge, but do require registration (information about registration is included in the summer calendar).

Our collective town-wide summer reading goal for kids in Harvard is 450,000 minutes of reading. If everyone reads and records their reading time, we can reach the goal together! Watch the ticker on the Beanstack homepage to see how much our community has read!

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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What is Beanstack?

Log your summer reading and activities with Beanstack, our online summer reading program!

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/>

Using Beanstack, You Can:

Log your reading time

Write book reviews

Do fun activities

Create picture reviews

Earn badges and prizes

Enter raffle drawings

Earn a bookplate!

Beanstack How-To Videos

Are you new to the Beanstack program?

Or perhaps you just need a refresher course in how to log your reading time?

We have created a series of Beanstack How-To Videos that are available on our YouTube channel.

The videos are sorted into the playlist “Summer Reading How-to Videos.”

Go to the children’s room page of the library’s website for a link to the YouTube channel:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children>

New videos will be added in mid-June to reflect recent updates to the Beanstack program!

Badges

As you enter your reading time and complete activities in Beanstack, you will earn **Virtual Badges!** Look on the “Earned Badges” tab of your account to see how many badges you have earned!

Prizes

At **10 hours of reading**, you will earn a **Prize Bag**. Each prize bag contains a random selection of prizes including small toys, a pencil, stickers, etc.

At **20 hours of reading**, you will earn an awesome **Lawn Sign!**

Plant your lawn sign in your front yard so that everyone in town will know that you are a fabulous reader!

At **30 hours of reading**, you will earn a **Bookplate** that will be placed in a library book, with your name and the total number of hours that you spent reading over the summer!

Make a reading goal for yourself! Aim high! *(Bookplate redemption takes place in September.)*

Certificates

At certain hour markers in your reading log, you will earn **Certificates!** Beanstack will give you the links for these printable certificates.

Raffle Drawings

As you read and do activities in Beanstack, you will earn **Tickets**. There are more than 30 cool figures of animals and dragons that are going to be raffled off at the end of the summer. Assign your tickets to the ones you most want to try to win! *(Pictured below is the Snow Dragon figure)*

