

2025 Wilsonville Public Library Summer Reading Program:

Level Up At Your Library

Childrens:

Youth Services offered over 70 programs from June 15th-Aug 5th as part of the Summer Reading Program.

Nearly 4000 people attended the youth summer programs!

Reading Log Participants

Age Totals			
Babies	25	0-14 yrs	640
Toddlers	75	15-18 yrs	22
Preschool	56	19+ yrs	77
Primary School	379		
Middle School	97		
High School	30		
Adult	77		
		Total:	739

STEAM Log Participants

107-Children

13-Teens

8-Adults

BINGO Participants

128-Children

36-Teens

78-Adults

The well-attended teen events had a different theme each week. These themes ranged from *Library After Dark: 5 Nights at Freddy's* to *Mario Party* to our grand finale of *Splash(toon): Water Fight and Party At Memorial Park!* Instrumental in making all these events happen were the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members. The teens helped with the planning, organizing and executing of all fun filled teen events this summer!

Another favorite weekly program for the younger set was the STEAM & Stories funded by the Library Foundation. Great stories were told by the Youth Librarians, along with accompanying STEAM demonstrations. These demonstrations ranged from the explosive interaction with Mentos and Diet Coke, to the egg-citing egg walk which was demonstrated on dozens of eggs and ended with the last program of hands-on stomp rockets. And yes, many rockets are sitting up on the library's roof waiting to be re-launched from the stomp rocket event

Other youth STEAM programs offered this summer included OMSI sessions for various ages, Oregon Coast Aquarium, and University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History. We've offered outreach programs from these STEAM related organizations in the past, all funded by the Library Foundation.

The variety of the performances at the Thursday Fun Shows continued to wow the public! Musician, Mo Phillips, the Dancers of Paradise of Samoa and Magician, Louie Foxx were just a few of the great performances featured this summer. And of course, the big finale was The Reptile Man and all his reptiles!

We also welcomed to our Summer Reading Program events: Author, Aron Steinke (*Mr. Wolf's Class*); Author, Gabi Snyder (*Look!*) and Author/Illustrator Margaux Meganck (*People Are Wild*). We are so impressed by the writing and illustrative talent in our part of Oregon, and were so happy to present these authors to the children in our community.

We also continued our regular Baby/Toddler Time and Play Group sessions throughout the summer.

For Outreach, we performed our usual zany Summer Reading Program presentation to over 1300 primary school students. We also presented to nearly 600 middle school students and to over 100 students attending summer school in the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's Summer School program. Other outreach events included: Juneteenth and the Farmer's Market.

One "wheely" new addition to our Summer Reading Program fun, was the addition of the Book Bike, which went to the Thursday Fun Shows as well as Parks and Recreation's Movies in the Park.

All and all, we were able to offer quite a variety of programs this summer thanks to the generous funding from the Library Friends and Library Foundation!

How the Summer Reading Program Levelled Up this summer

We had a lot of the tried-and-true programs that we offered in the past as well as the usual reading logs, STEAM logs and BINGO to appeal to different ages. We also tried many new things such as a new format for the program schedule that included all the materials into one packet! We tried some new programming, and we did a lot more outreach into the community!

Adults:

- Participants of the Reading Log – 77
- Participants of the STEAM Log – 8
- Participants of the Bingo card – 78 (not necessarily the same folks who completed the Reading Log)
- The majority of STEAM logs involved parents doing activities with their children (and the adults learned new skills and information attending WVPL youth programs), while others involved more challenging activities (like making kombucha, body products, and sourdough starter)

Additional adult summer events:

- In June, started a number of regular adult programs:
 - “Sit & Stitch,” which sees an average of 10 participants each week ranging in age from 18-75 years old. Participants are making new friends within the group, with many in the group recent transplants to Wilsonville.
 - “Tabletop Game Night,” with monthly board game play and 6 regular attendees.
 - “Celebration Cinema” features a film celebrating a holiday of that month, from Pride Month to National Elvis Week.
- Held our first Speed Puzzling Event with 9 participants who had a blast and requested more puzzling events.
- Held our first Trivia Night with 18 participants ranging in age from 22-75 years old, who were enthusiastic about having more trivia nights at the library.
- In coordination with City staff, held a “Monitoring Wilsonville’s Wildlife” presentation, a flash fiction writing workshop, and a minor bike repair class.
- Continued with the popular Genealogy Club, “Space Talks,” “First Friday Films,” and “Profiles” programs.
- Accepted submissions for the 6th annual Short Story Contest, which saw a 15% increase in stories submitted over last year.