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On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!

The 2016 Chelsea District Library Summer Reading/Summer Learning Program will kick off on Wednesday, June 15 from noon to 2pm. with a huge party on the library lawn for all ages. Many thanks go to this year's local sponsors and donors, including Rick Taylor Real Estate and the Friends of the Chelsea District Library at the Platinum level and Bronze sponsors Chelsea Kiwanis and Chelsea Masons. Prize and cash donors include Chelsea ATA, Chelsea Bakery, Chelsea Lanes, Chelsea Lions Club, Chelsea TreeHouse, Cottage Inn Pizza, Wendy's, and ZAP Zone..

Children, teens and adults can sign up and earn prizes all summer just by reading or listening to books. New this year is our online registration, which will begin May 15. Visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp to register online. Students at North Creek and South Meadows elementary schools will be given reading logs to take home from school in June. Youth and teen reading logs will also be available at the library starting on June 15.

This summer, children will once again explore science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (or STEAM for short) at the library! The Youth department will become a learning zone with different learning activities going on every week. Children will earn extra chances to win grand prizes by participating in age-appropriate math and science activities at the Discovery Center, while school-age students can take "Challenge Cards" from the Summer Reading Game table, full of take-home activities that will encourage reading, writing, crafting, building, designing, and more!

The library's newest program this summer is the Summer Munch Bunch, for children age 3-17. The Chelsea District Library will offer afternoon snacks and stories on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 3pm in the Reading Garden. This delectable program begins the week of June 20th and runs through the week of August 1st. The sponsor for this program is Faith in Action and the Chelsea District Library and Dexter District Library are partnering for this activity.

This summer's theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read," encourages kids to take action and jump into new books, new physical activities and new ideas. School age children can learn new skills at the Stop Motion Animation Workshop or build a server during Minecraft Week. Teens will be encouraged to "Exercise Your Mind" by taking the new Young Writer's Workshop with local writers Frances Kai-Wha Wang and Kelly Barson.

"Go Anywhere in a Book" with our Adult Summer Reading Program and earn prizes by reading and engaging with the Chelsea community. Participating in the summer reading program is a fun and easy-- everyone has the opportunity to earn a completion prize (including local gift certificates, chocolates, or reduced library fines), and some lucky players will win larger grand prizes. See what new adventures you can find by exploring Chelsea and your library!

Youth and teen can register online or in person at the library Kick-off on June 15. Adults can also register online or in person staring June 15 at the 2nd floor reference desk. Summer Reading for everyone will finish at noon on Wednesday, July 27th, just before our Summer Reading Finale: Summer Olympics begins.

The Chelsea District Library has over 130 youth, teen and adult programs happening in the months of June, July and August! A complete listing is available in our summer newsletter due out mid-May and on the Chelsea District Library website calendar at chelseadistrictlibrary.org. For questions about the Youth and Teen Summer Reading/Summer Learning Program contact Karen Persello at keprsello@chelseadistrictlibrary.org or 734.475.8732 x212. For more information about the Adult Summer Reading Program contact Keegan Sulecki at kesulecki@chelseadistrictlibrary.org or 734.475.8732 x218

About Us: Chelsea District Library is nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

Faith in Action is a community funded faith-based assistance and resource center with locations in Chelsea and Dexter, Michigan.

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