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Explore Worlds Near and Far with CDL's Summer Reading Program

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"Reading Takes You Everywhere" during the 2018 Summer Reading Program at Chelsea District Library (CDL)! "This program encourages everyone to explore worlds near and far, real and imagined, by engaging with books, conversing with neighbors, and seeking opportunities to create and learn," said Keegan Sulecki, Head of Information Services. All ages are invited to join in the fun, with tailored kickoff events and programs for adult, youth, and teen participants.

The Adult Kickoff will take place in conjunction with CDL's 2nd annual Music in the Air event on Saturday, June 2, from 2-3 pm in the Reading Garden. This program features soprano Joy Jan Jones accompanied by classical pianist Jacopo Giacomuzzi, last year's featured artist. Sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Game and enjoy this open-air concert right here in downtown Chelsea! Arrive early to grab a seat or bring a blanket and find a spot on the lawn.

Summer Reading for adults includes a bingo-style game with options for reading and doing activities around town. "We want adults to model good reading behavior for the young people in their lives and to explore the great resources available in the library and in the Chelsea community," explained Sulecki. Get one bingo to earn a completion prize, such as a \$3 coupon to Zou Zou's or the Chelsea Bakery, plus an entry for one of the Adult Grand Prizes. Prizes include \$50 gift cards to Common Grill, Wines on Main, Thompson's Pizza, Smokehouse 52 BBQ, and Chelsea Alehouse, or a gift basket filled with items purchased locally. Each additional square completed earns participants another entry for a Grand Prize. Complete three bingos and choose a free book!

For kids and teens, the Summer Reading Kickoff is Thursday, June 14, from 12-2 pm. Check out Exploration Stations on the Library Lawn, where kids can create pinwheels, visit with the Beach

Middle School Robotics Team, create DIY binoculars, try a space-tastic obstacle course, take a turn in the bounce house, and earn an ice pop by completing six or more activities.

All ages can register for their respective games online at chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp.

Elementary and middle school students in the Chelsea School District will bring home an online registration instruction sheet in early June. Those who are unable to register online from home are welcome to visit the library and sign up in-person.

Students who read at least 20 hours will earn a free book, plus small prizes along the way and entries into the Grand Prize Drawings. This year's Grand Prizes for kids include tickets to Cedar Point, classes at ATA Martial Arts, a pass to the Chelsea Treehouse, tickets to The Henry Ford, and more. Teens also have a chance to win their own Cedar Point tickets and a host of other fun prizes like iTunes gift cards and movie tickets.

Children and teens can earn Drawing slips by completing Challenge Cards, take-home activities to extend learning and encourage them to get to know their community. "New Challenge Cards to engage and inspire are available with activities to satisfy a variety of interests," said Youth & Teen Librarian Jessica Zubik. Also returning this year is the Discovery Center, featuring science and technology activities for elementary students, and math and science stations for preschoolers, with more chances for kids to earn drawing slips.

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For more information about this year's Summer Reading Program, contact Keegan Sulecki, Head of Information Services at 734-475-8732 x218 or at ksulecki@chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

Information can also be found in the library's summer newsletter or online at chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not-for-profit 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 15,100 residents in the Chelsea district, which includes the City of Chelsea and the Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Sylvan townships. Approximately 16,000 individuals visit the library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

