



Ocean County Library 2021 SUMMER READING

May 15, 2021

Dear Jackson Students,

Hello from the Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Library! Summer Reading looks a little different this year, but we are so excited to share it with you and your family. Let us dive into adventure with *Tails and Tales*, our 2021 summer reading theme.

Summer Reading Challenge FAQ:

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

We are challenging you to read **5** books of your choice during your summer break. You can read **5** books on your own, they can be read to you, or you can listen to the audiobook recording of the book of your choice. We are happy to support you in your reading journey in whatever form you choose to read.

- ***How will I log my books?***

You or your Parent/Guardian are required to log your summer reading via [Beanstack](https://www.beanstack.com) website or app. For more information on how to sign up, please visit our website theoceancountylibrary.org/beanstack, or follow the instructions at theoceancountylibrary.beanstack.org. All users with existing accounts can log in and participate as you have done in the past by registering for the new 2021 summer reading challenge (registration will open in June).

- ***Will there be summer reading prizes this year?***

Once you finish reading **5** books this summer, and log all of your read titles on Beanstack, you are eligible to receive a book bundle prize of your choice! In addition, we will enter you into a raffle to win a 1st or 2nd place prize baskets. We will draw winners via Beanstack after Labor Day weekend.

- ***Can I get a book bundle every time I read 5 more books? If I read 15 books does that mean I get 3 book bundles?***

No, there will be one book bundle per child due to limited supplies. However, we have so many different bundles to choose from, we know you will love our selections ranging from Minecraft to Dork Diaries! No specific titles are promised, but you can check out our display showcasing the bundles in our branch.

- ***Is there a prize wheel this year?***

Not this year, but we cannot wait to bring it back in some form or another in the future!

- **Will there be in-person programs this Summer?**

There will be no in-person programs, but we will be offering a large sweep of alternative, contactless activities to take home or attend virtually. For a full list, please see our attached Summer Reading Calendar or check out [Calendar of Events](#) at our OCL website. We strive to provide take home activities that are fun, active and easy for children to navigate. These will range from STEAM programs to virtual zoo tours to take-home pajama parties!

- **When Does Summer Kickoff?**

Mark your calendars for our take home Summer Kick-off Outdoor Activity Bundle available to pick up June 23rd, our official kickoff date!

Our summer's end take-home Pajama Party will feature our friends, *Elephant and Piggie*® on August 27th!

- **Will there be Reading and Math Buddies this year?**

Our S.A.I.L. Teen program is virtual this summer, so there will be no Reading or Math Buddies. We are so sorry for the inconvenience, but please check our website for alternative [Homework Help](#) such as *Brainfuse*!

- **Can I get my Summer Reading Assignment books at the Library?**

Yes! We have a large selection of books from the Jackson School District Elementary Summer Reading Assignments. Please stop by and we will be happy to help you find what you need!

- **Do my school summer reading books count toward my Jackson Library Summer Reading Challenge?**

Yes, just log them individually in Beanstack.

If you are looking for more information, please visit our website at www.theoceancountylibrary.org or reach out to us in the Jackson Youth Services office at 732-928-4400 x 3809. We cannot wait to see you at the Library this Summer!

Yours Truly,

Jackson Youth



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