

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Exercising Your Mind

"Exercise your mind: Read!" This is the motto for the adult summer reading program this year. All those between the ages of 19 and 119 are welcome to register and be a part of the fun! Registration starts for all age groups (children, young adult, and adult) on the 31st of May, the day after Memorial Day. Please remember the library is closed Sunday and Monday, May 29th and 30th, for Memorial Day.

For the adult program we like to keep things simple and enjoyable. All you need to do is sign up at the front desk and pick up your envelope. In your envelope is a flyer explaining the program. This is how it works: you read 2 books, fill out your reading log ticket (two are in your envelope to get you started), turn your reading log ticket in for an immediate prize (a chocolate, book bag, water bottle, or journal, etc.), and then we enter your ticket in the monthly and grand prize drawings. The monthly prizes could be Subway or Wendy's gift certificates, a pedometer with a hot/cold pack and a sticky note block, or a lunch bag with a mixer bottle, journal and pen. The grand prize is Wait for it..... An android tablet! What's to say no to? Getting prizes for reading? That's like the extra sprinkles with a cherry on top of your favorite chocolate sundae ice cream!

Also included in your envelope is a flyer explaining the poetry contest. Poetry submissions need to be entered by July 1st. We will be awarding first, second, and third prizes in the form of amazon gift certificates. Judging criteria is explained in the flyer. In your Summer Reading envelope you will also find a coupon for a free book at the Friends of the Library book sale in August, a free bookmark, and a poster telling about the monthly adult programs.

The first program to start us off for summer reading is a visit from local successful author Mary Connealy. Her entertaining books cover three genres all in one: western, comedy, and romance. We carry many of her books at the library so you can read some before she comes. Make plans for Saturday, June 18th at 2 pm to meet this wonderful lady and hear how she became an author.

July 16th our outstanding crochet teachers are coming back to teach us some new stitches. If you have a crochet hook and yarn, please bring them. If you don't, we will provide them for you. We will wrap up the adult summer reading program on July 30th with cookies and coffee to program participants.

Here's a teaser for after the summer reading programs are over: Don't miss canning salsa with Jackie in August, "meeting" Annie Oakley in September, and making tarts with Phyllis Bartholomew in October! If you have any questions about our programs, we would be happy to help answer them. Just call us at 402-564-7116.