

There are many summer reading challenges!
Here are three that you can do to cash in on triple the prizes!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

SECOND LADY USHA VANCE

Dear Future Summer Readers,

Every book you open is an adventure – whether you are exploring new places, meeting new characters, or learning something new. A whole summer of reading fun is waiting just for you!

This summer, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of America’s founding, we are excited to invite all children (K-8) to join in the Second Lady’s 2026 Summer Reading Challenge. Participants will read and track 12 books of their choice between June 1 and September 4. Every book counts!

When you finish your 12 books, ask your parents/guardians to let us know, and we will send you a personalized certificate, an America 250th anniversary-themed bookmark, and a special link to receive a prize! You will also be entered for a chance to visit our nation’s capital and the White House with a chaperone. Terms and conditions apply.

Where will your next book take you? We can’t wait to find out!



Usha Chilukuri Vance
Second Lady of the United States

[SUMMER READING LOG](#) (Download it from website on June 1st)

Instructions

The goal is simple: read 12 books of your choice between June 1 and September 4.

1

CHOOSE YOUR BOOKS

Pick any 12 books—fiction or nonfiction, classics or new releases—that inspire your curiosity and imagination.

2

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Download the official Summer Reading Challenge Reading Log and record each title as you finish.

3

CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Once you've read all 12 books, have a parent or guardian submit your completed log using the submission form on [wh.gov/read](https://www.wh.gov/read) by 11:59PM ET on September 4.

Submission

Reading Log and Submission Form will be available June 1st!

Prizes

All participants will receive a digital certificate, a personalized letter, and an America-250th themed bookmark, plus a chance to win a trip to the Nation's Capital and the White House on September 25th, 2026. Additionally, this year, we will have more prizes for participants - specific details will be revealed at a later date. Stay tuned!

Details are subject to change.

SECOND LADY **USHA VANCE**

Jefferson County Libraries:

Summer Reading 2026: DinoSOAR Into Stories

Get Ready: Summer Reading Runs June 1 – July 31

It's time to DinoSOAR Into Stories as you embark on an epic adventure to collect badges and win prizes during JCPL's Summer Reading program!

Register to roar into fossil-fueled fun as you unearth unforgettable tales, fascinating facts and prehistoric characters. Don't forget your explorer gear – we're on a journey to make summer boredom go extinct!

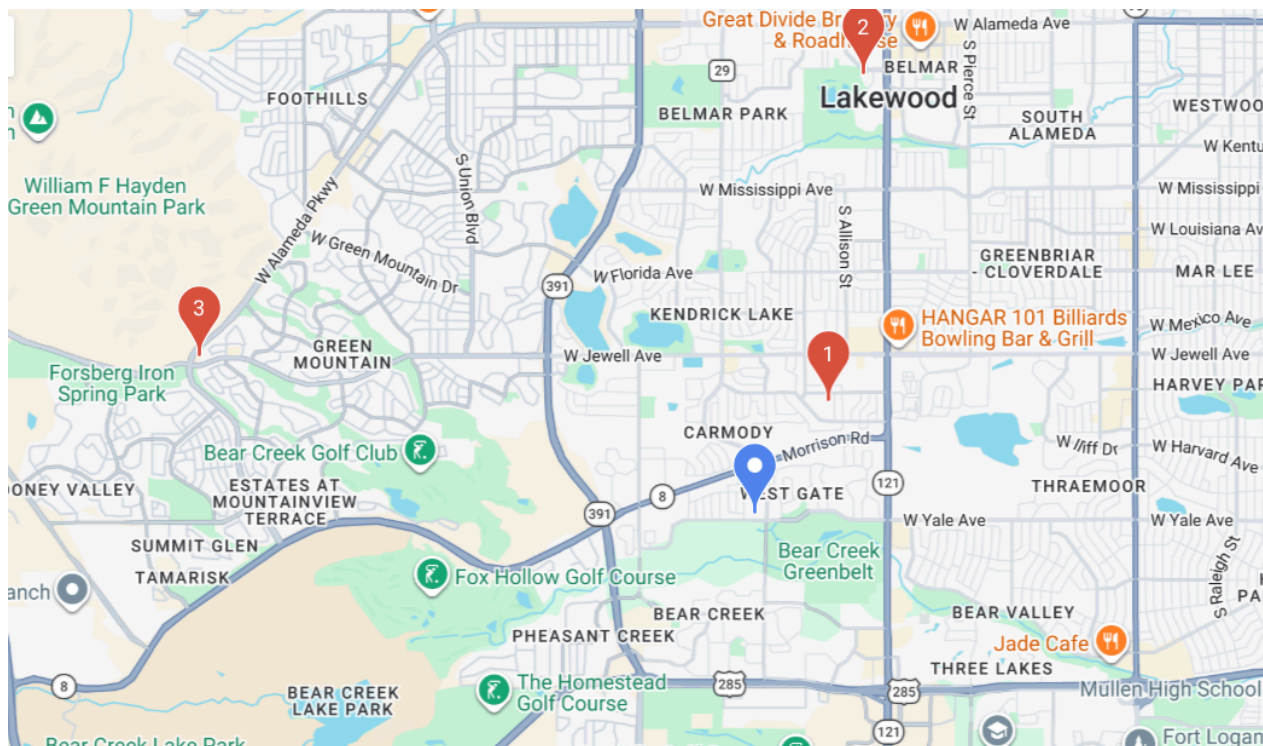
Registration opens May 1!

Register to Read and Achieve



Summer Reading is for everyone, so sign up the whole family to log your reading times and start winning prizes! [Register online](#) by creating a Beanstack account, in person at any [full-service JCPL location](#) or by calling 303-235-5275.

Not your first Summer Reading rodeo? [Sign in to Beanstack](#) with your existing account to sign up and get started.





Log and Track Your Progress

Beanstack Mobile App and Website

The Beanstack mobile tracker app and website makes it easy to log your reading!

Download the App

- Search for "Beanstack" in the Apple app store or Google play store on your preferred device and follow the prompts to install it.
- Open the app, then select "Find Your School or Library."
- Enter "Jefferson County Public Library" in the search.
- Sign in or sign up for an account.
- If you don't see a current challenge, use the Discover button and join "Summer Reading 2026: DinoSOAR Into Stories."
- Use the reading timer to track your reading minutes or manually add segments of time.



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Beanstack Website

- Sign in or sign up on [Beanstack's website](#).
- Choose the challenge "Summer Reading 2026: DinoSOAR into Stories."
- Click the button to "Log Reading" in the upper lefthand corner.
- "Log Minutes" by setting a reading timer or manually entering increments of time.

Trouble logging in? Our [Summer Reading FAQs](#) can help you navigate signing into your account.



Reach Your Goals and Earn Amazing Prizes

Make every minute count this summer! Collect badges for every hour you read and make your way to the eight-hour finish line. All it takes is one hour per week to reach your goal and claim your finisher prize!

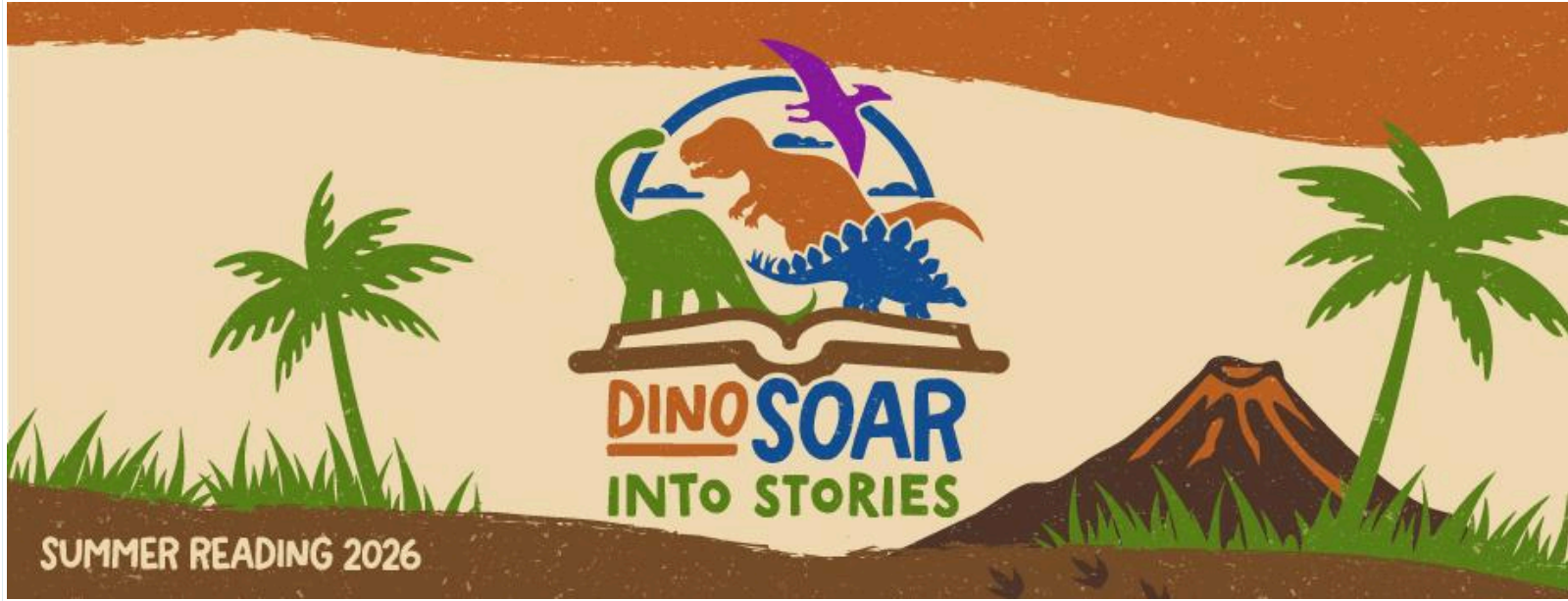
- **Registration prize:** Earning this prize is easy. Simply register, then visit any [full-service JCPL location](#) starting June 1 to claim your prize!
- **Finisher prize:** Log 8 hours and get your finisher prize and 1 grand prize entry.
- **Grand Prize Drawing:** You could be the lucky winner of a brand-new iPad! Each 8 hours you read after the first 8 hours (up to 128 hours or 16 entries total) earns you another entry into our Grand Prize Drawing.

Prizes vary by age and cannot be exchanged after being claimed. Learn more about [prizes and sponsors](#).

The last day to record your reading is **August 15**.

[**Jefferson County Library Events for Middle Schoolers:**](#)

[**Jefferson County Library Camps for students 12-18:**](#)



Track your reading and activities with Jefferson County Public Library!

How It Works

**Register here to track your reading and activities.
Log your reading and activities.
Have fun earning badges and prizes along the way.**

Sign in to your existing account or sign up to get started.

[Create an account](#)

Register an Individual or Family

[Already have an account?](#)

Festejo de inicio de Summer Reading

Monday, June 01, 2026

1:00pm–4:00pm

[Lakewood Library](#)

¡Comienza el verano en Lakewood Library! Celebremos el inicio del programa Summer Reading 2026 con una tarde llena de creatividad y diversión. Disfruta de actividades, inscríbete en el desafío y recoge tu premio de inscripción. ¡Demos la bienvenida a un verano lleno de lectura y exploremos aventuras prehistóricas!

Location

[Lakewood Library](#)

Open from 9:00am–8:00pm on the day of the event

10200 W. 20th Ave.

Lakewood, CO 80215

Jefferson County Public Libraries- Summer Reading: Prizes and Sponsors

These prizes make Summer Reading dino-mite! Prizes vary by age group.

How to Earn

- **Registration prize:** Earning this prize is easy. Simply register, then visit any full-service JCPL location starting June 1 to claim your prize!
- **Finisher prize:** Log 8 hours and get your finisher prize and 1 grand prize entry.
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Prizes

Prizes will be available while supplies last and cannot be exchanged after they have been claimed.

Registration Babies (0 - 2)

Baby socks



Kids (3 - 11)

Wingstop coupon
and labeled rocks*
(ages 6+)



Teens (12 - 18)

Wingstop coupon
and labeled rocks*



Adults (19+)

Wingstop coupon,
labeled rocks* and
a Library
Foundation coupon



*Bags of labeled rocks have been provided by Colorado School of Mines' [Museum of Earth Science](#), to help raise community awareness of the importance of mineralogy.

Play Ball! JCPL has partnered with the Colorado Rapids and the Colorado Rockies to give Summer Reading registrants a chance to catch a game in person. Simply [register for Summer Reading](#), then claim your BOGO tickets for a [Rapids match](#), or discounted [Rockies tickets](#). Offer applies to select dates.

Finisher Prizes

Babies (0 - 2)

Book



Kids (3 - 11)

Choice of book, journal or coloring book; Downtown Aquarium ticket; food coupon



Teens (12 - 18)

Choice of book, journal or coloring book; choice of a ticket to Skate City, Urban Air or Downtown Aquarium; food coupon



Adults (19+)

Canvas tote bag



Go for the Grand Prize!

Keep reading and soaring into stories and you could be the lucky winner of a brand-new iPad! Each 8 hours you read after the first 8 hours (up to 128 hours or 16 entries total) earns you another entry into our Grand Prize Drawing.

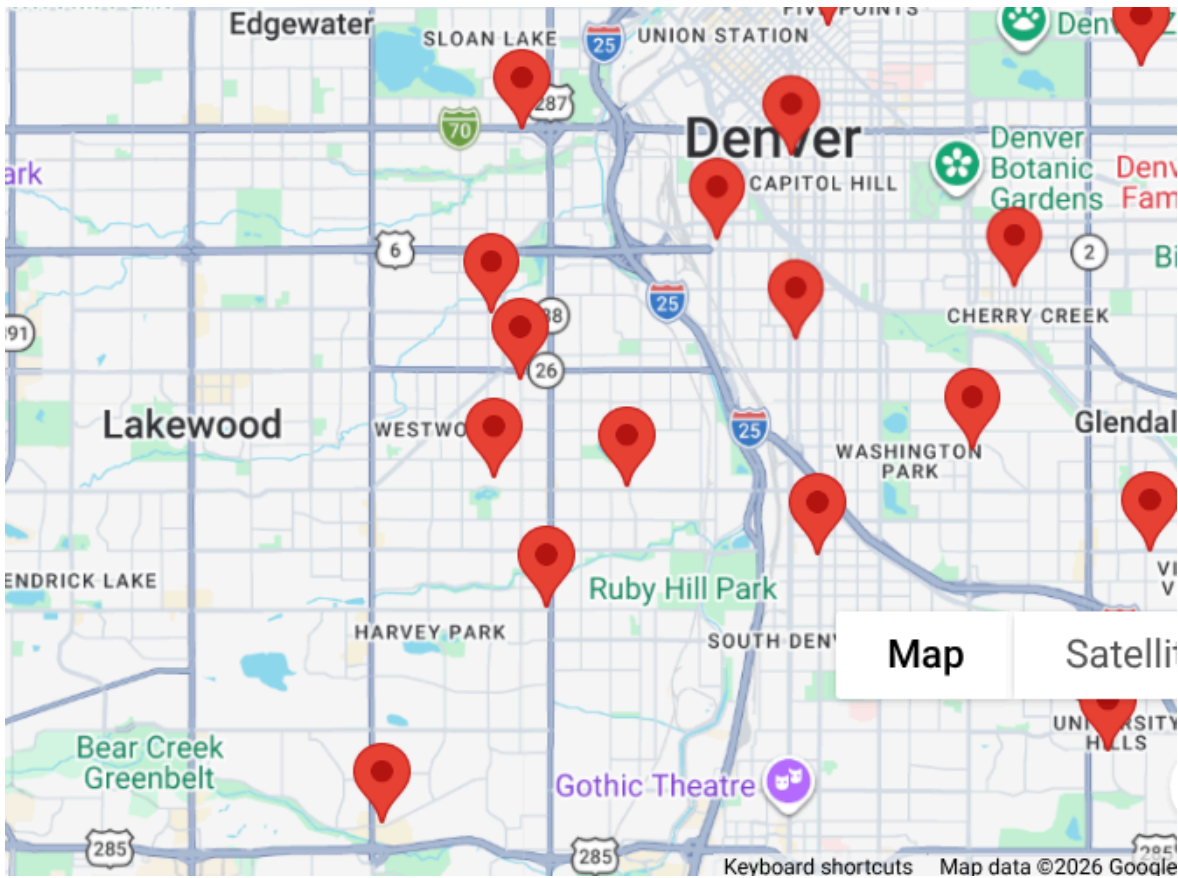
How to Claim Your Prize



Most prizes are available at full-service JCPL locations. When you visit, simply ask for your Summer Reading prize. If you win a prize drawing, you will be contacted with further information.

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Denver Public Libraries:



Summer Reading Program: Join the Adventure

The Denver Public Library's Summer of Adventure program invites youth from birth through 12th grade to learn, grow, and have fun all summer long!

When school is out, DPL provides exciting opportunities to explore, create, and discover—whether at the library, in the community, or right in your own neighborhood. Meet experts, try new activities, and

find fresh ways to enjoy reading with books, eBooks, and audiobooks.

Through hands-on experiences, Summer of Adventure helps youth of all ages and abilities build academic skills, develop creativity, and strengthen social-emotional growth - all while having a blast.

And best of all? It's FREE and made just for YOU!

June 1 - August 10 Summer of Adventure is here!

Register anytime through August 10 and explore a season filled with exciting events, reading inspiration, book giveaways, hands-on STEM activities, nature discovery, teen workforce opportunities, and meaningful connections for all ages.



Prize pickup begins June 2 and continues through August 10.

How to Register

Beginning June 1, register online or at your [local library](#). Summer of Adventure Guides, Reading lists, and prizes will be available for pick-up at all branch locations.



- Find FREE BOOKS at special events across the city
- Complete your Adventure Guide to earn 2026 Completion prizes

Prizes are available while supplies last.

Events

Find free events and activities at all library locations this summer. Come meet animals, learn from experts, build new reading skills, and explore creativity!

Day at the Zoo

You're invited to a wild celebration at the zoo!

Celebrate your Summer of Adventure achievement at the Denver Zoo and Conservation Alliance! Complete your Summer of Adventure Guide to earn a FREE ticket to DZCA.

Come see amazing animals with friends, family, and library staff! Join us Saturday, August 8th to celebrate the end of a successful summer.

Join us as a big library community on August 8th - **OR** - choose a day that works best for you and your family.

Completion tickets can be used any day between June 2nd and December 31, 2026.

Summer of Adventure Guides

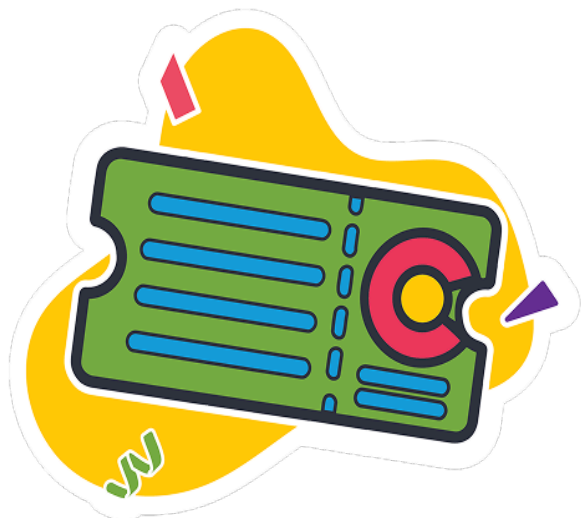
Track the time you spend **READING**, **MAKING**, and **EXPLORING** this summer.

Complete 20 hours of reading, learning, listening, and attending library events to earn a completion prize.

Prizes

- Register and receive an Adventure Guide and 2026 Kick Off Prize
- Collect prizes at library locations
- Earn a prize mid way! Complete 10 hours on your Adventure Guide and collect a Progress Prize

Day at the Zoo - PRIZE



You did it—now let's celebrate!

Join the library for a free day of fun at the Denver Zoo and Conservation Alliance. Explore amazing animals, spend time with family and friends, and celebrate your Summer of Adventure success.

Complete your Adventure Guide to earn a FREE ticket.

Celebrate with the library community on **August 8**, or visit on a day that works best for you, tickets are valid

through **December 31, 2026**.

Recommended Summer Reading

Students, families and educators, the DPL Recommended Summer Reading List is your source for great, diverse and newly-published reads for Birth to Grade 12.

[Start reading now!](#)

Share Your Adventures

Denver Public Library wants to hear from you:

- Visit your [local Denver Public Library branch](#) and tell us about your activities.
- Tag us on social media (@denverlibrary).
- Upload a picture or video to our [Maker Gallery](#).

[Denver Public Library Events:](#)

MY Denver Card

Your Library and Recreation Card All In One.

Youth, ages 5–18, can have a key to the city with a MY Denver Card in hand! Youth will get free access to recreation centers, swimming pools and various cultural facilities where they can participate in healthy, safe and fun activities afterschool, during school and summer breaks, and on the weekends.

With a MY Denver Card, Here's How Youth Can Fully Experience Denver!

[Libraries](#)

The MY Denver Card replaces any previously-issued card from Denver Public Library. To **activate library privileges**, present your MY Denver Card at any Denver Public Library location.

Activities and Events

- **IdeaLAB:** Located in the Denver Central Library, this state-of-the-art digital media center provides teens access to professional-level equipment and software to create and record music and videos, explore digital art and create video games. There are ideaLABs across the Denver Public Library system. Equipment varies by location. Please visit each location's page to see available equipment and hours. [Learn more.](#)
- **Reading Rocket Bookmobiles:** Can't get to a Library? No problem! Every week, we visit 25 schools across the city providing books and materials. Anyone can climb on board and browse at any Reading Rocket stop. [View the schedule.](#)
- **Afterschool is Cool:** One of Denver Public Library's goals is to provide safe, enjoyable learning experiences for children. This program provides activities designed specifically for kids at Athmar Park, Green Valley Ranch, Pauline Robinson, Valdez-Perry and Westwood branch libraries.
- **Summer of Reading:** This is our signature summer program, which encourages reading throughout the summer by providing fun incentives and offering free programs and events.

Need help with homework or research projects?

[Schedule an Appointment](#) | [Chat with Us Online](#)

All Denver Public Library locations offer public computers and WiFi. [Locate your nearest library](#) or call 720-865-1363.

Recreation Centers

[Denver recreation centers](#) offer both structured and drop-in activities for MY Denver cardholders when school is out (schedules vary). Programs are available in a safe environment and are designed to contribute to the academic and social development of all children and youth.

Activities vary, falling under five categories:

- Sports and Wellness
- Urban Arts and Culture
- Science, Technology and Education
- Social Recreation
- Community Engagement

Cardholders can access any of Denver recreation centers at no cost. The MY Denver Card also provides an awesome variety of "structured" programs led by qualified staff members at the following centers:

- Ashland
- Aztlan
- Barnum
- Carla Madison
- College View
- Cook Park
- Glenarm
- Green Valley Ranch
- Harvard Gulch
- Harvey Park
- Hiawatha Davis Jr.
- Johnson
- La Alma
- Montbello
- Montclair
- Scheitler
- Southwest
- St. Charles
- Swansea
- Washington Park

Cultural Facilities

Take a trip with friends or family to any of Denver's cultural and seasonal facilities listed below. Our partners offer free admission to exhibits, programs, activities and events at no cost to MY Denver cardholders. **Restrictions and limitations vary for each site.** Visit our partners online to learn how you can use your MY Denver Card at their facility!



[American Museum of Western Art](#)



[Buffalo Bill](#)



[Byers-Evans](#)



[Clyfford Still](#)



[Denver Art Museum](#)



[Southwest Rink at Skyline Park](#)



[Denver Botanic Gardens](#)



[Denver Center for the Performing Arts](#)



[Denver Museum of Nature & Science](#)



[Denver Zoo](#)



[History Colorado Center](#)



[Molly Brown House Museum](#)



[Museum of Contemporary Art Denver](#)



[Museo de las Americas](#)

[Card Pickup/Activation Signing Up](#)

Youth must be Denver residents.

Two ways you can sign up:

1. Visit the [Online Service Center](#)
2. In person at one of our [Denver recreation centers](#)

Download the MY Denver Card "Waiver/Terms and Conditions."

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