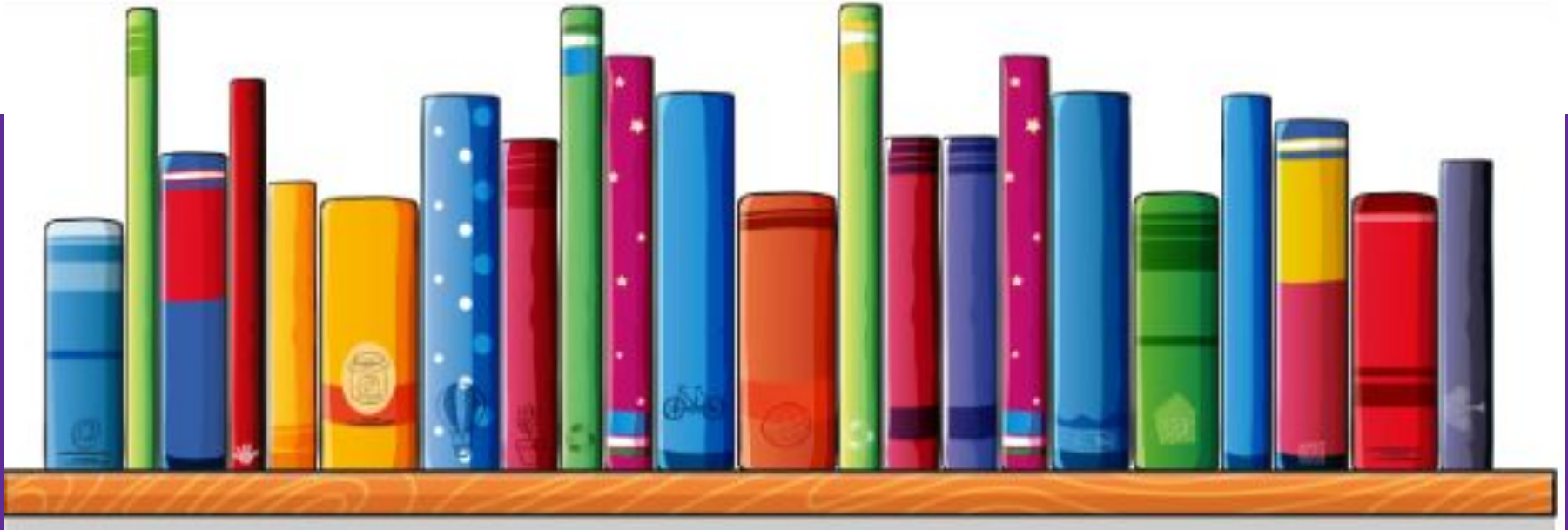


Summer Reading Challenge!



Keithston and Partners



Benefits of Reading

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Introduction

Reading is much more than a hobby. Through it, we can develop cognitive skills, improve mental health, and learn about the world around us. In this presentation, we will explore how reading benefits our lives in many ways.



Improves Focus

Reading demands full attention and focus. By reading, we train our brain to concentrate for longer periods, which has positive effects on our ability to focus in other areas of life.




Stimulates Imagination

Every story we read, whether real or fictional, transports us to a new world. Reading fosters imagination and creativity, helping us see the world from different perspectives.



Expands Vocabulary

Continuous reading exposes us to new words and expressions. As we incorporate these words into our vocabulary, we improve our ability to communicate more effectively, both in writing and verbally.



Reduces Stress



Immersing yourself in a good book has a relaxing effect on the body and mind. Reading acts as a form of escape, helping to reduce stress and anxiety by providing a positive distraction.





Fosters Empathy

By reading about the lives and experiences of others, especially characters in books, we develop greater empathy. This helps us better understand the emotions and situations of people in our own lives.

Improves Memory

Reading involves remembering characters, events, and important details, which enhances both short-term and long-term memory. The more we read, the easier it is to retain and recall relevant information.





Conclusion

Reading has a profound impact on our lives. It not only provides entertainment but also develops our cognitive, emotional, and social skills. By adopting the habit of reading, we can improve our focus, imagination, vocabulary, and empathy, ultimately enriching our daily life.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Usha', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Usha Chilukuri Vance

Second Lady of the United States

Eligibility

- 1 Must be entering kindergarten through eight grade.
- 2 Must reside at or have a USPS verified address.

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.whitehouse.gov/read) by 11:59PM ET on September 4.



Denver Public Library

Summer of Adventure

Join the Adventure

From June 1 to August 10, kids and teens (birth to 18 years of age) can READ, MAKE, and EXPLORE—on their own and at the library!

Explore new activities, discover great books, and get creative—all while earning cool prizes! Open to kids of all ages and abilities.

We can't wait to see you this summer!

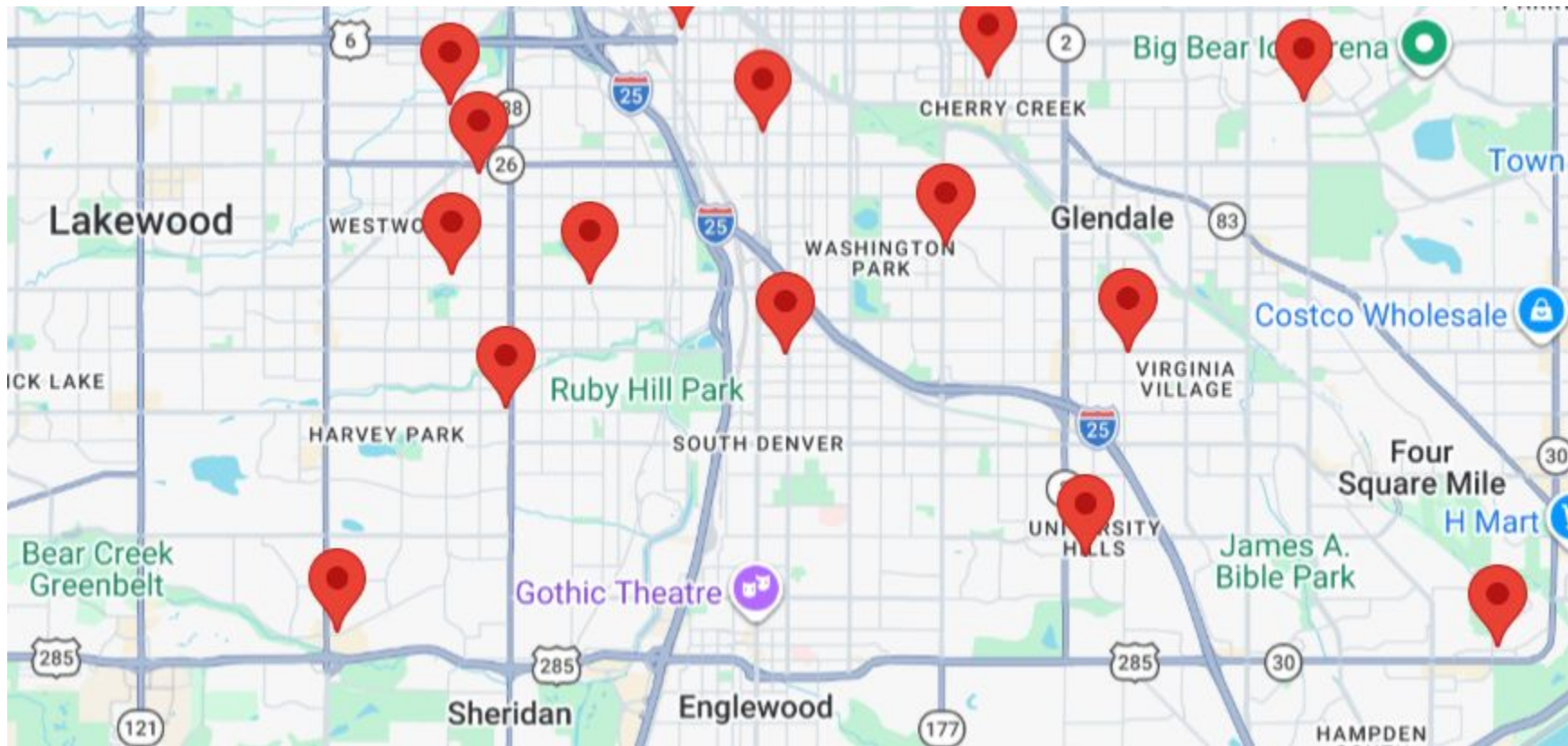


June 1 - August 10

Summer of Adventure is here!

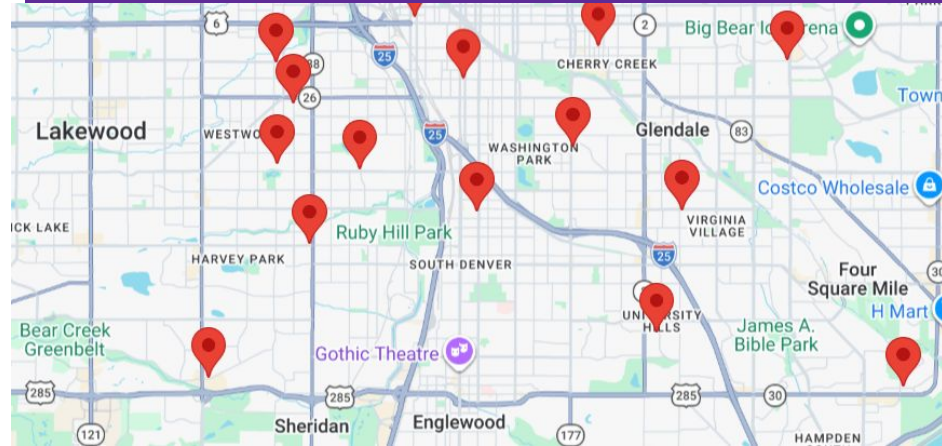
Register anytime through August 10 and explore a season filled with exciting events, reading inspiration, book giveaways, hands-on STEM activities, nature discovery, teen workforce opportunities, and meaningful connections for all ages.

Prize pickup begins June 2 and continues through August 10.



Step 1:

Visit a Local Denver Public Library
With your family after June 1!





SUMMER READING 2026

How It Works



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Register here to track
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activities.

Log your reading and
activities.

Have fun earning
badges and prizes along
the way.

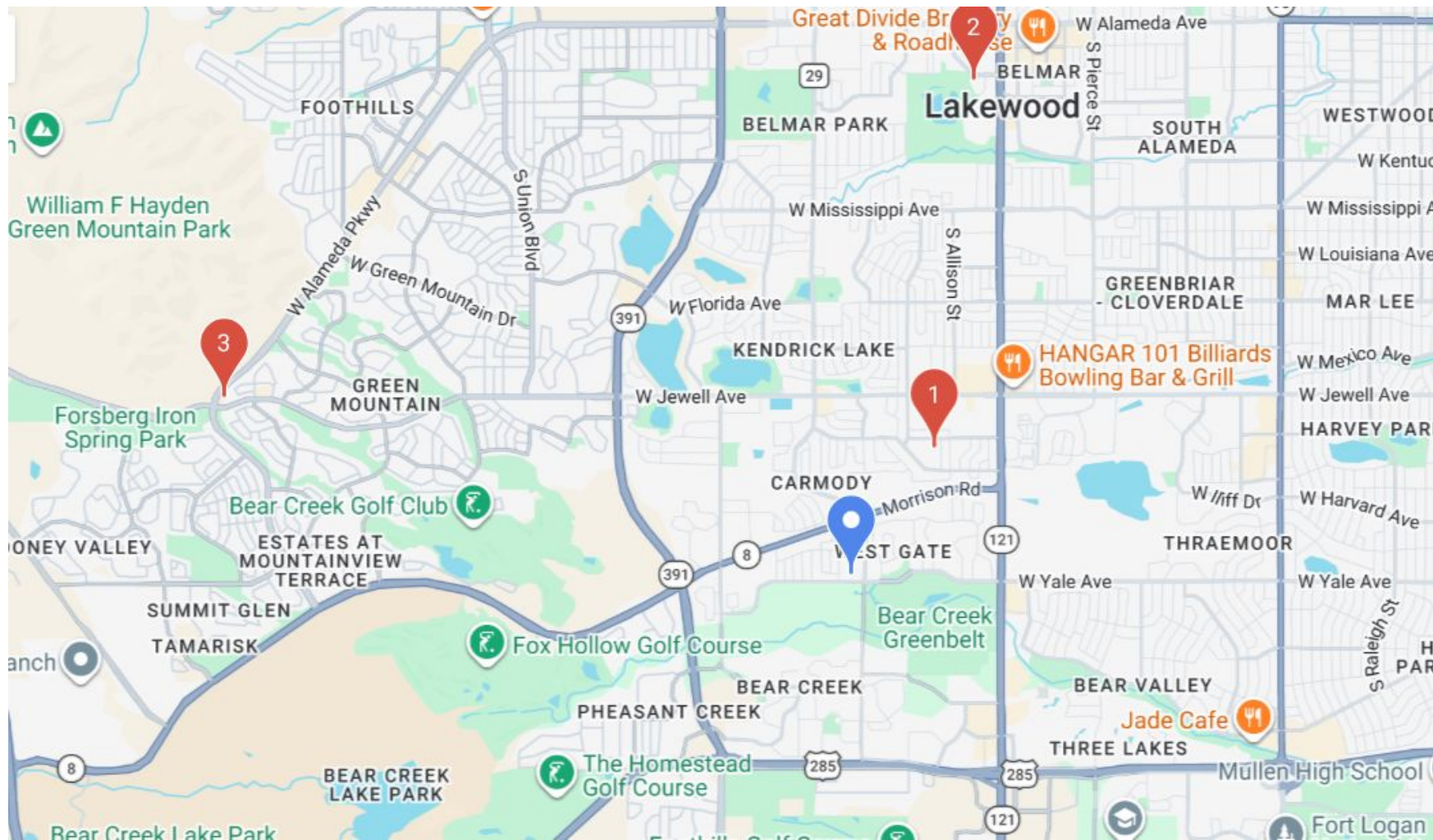
Summer Reading 2026: DinoSOAR Into Stories

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!



Lakewood

**HANGAR 101 Billiards
Bowling Bar & Grill**

Jade Cafe

William F Hayden
Green Mountain Park

Forsberg Iron
Spring Park

Bear Creek Golf Club

Fox Hollow Golf Course

The Homestead
Golf Course

Bear Creek
Greenbelt

THREE LAKES

THRAEMOOR

KENDRICK LAKE

CARMODY

WEST GATE

BELMAR PARK

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FOOTHILLS

SOUTH
ALAMEDA

WESTWOOD

GREENBRIAR
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The Power of Reading

Discover How Books Can Transform Your Life



Why Reading Matters



Reading is more than just a hobby. It's a gateway to knowledge, imagination, empathy, and personal growth. In this presentation, we'll explore why reading is a powerful tool for lifelong learning and development.

Stimulates the Brain



Reading keeps your brain active and engaged. It improves memory, focus, and cognitive function—reducing the risk of mental decline as we age.



Expands Your Understanding

Books are packed with information. Whether it's fiction or non-fiction, each page contributes to your understanding of the world and diverse perspectives.



Improves Language Skills



Regular reading enhances vocabulary, grammar, and writing ability. This directly improves how we communicate in both personal and professional life.



A Form of Relaxation



Reading is a great way to escape daily stress. Immersing in a story calms the mind and helps reduce anxiety, even if just for a few minutes.



Ignites Creativity

Fictional stories and descriptive writing open doors to new worlds. Reading fuels creativity and helps us think outside the box.



Understand Others Better



Books allow us to walk in someone else's shoes. This enhances our ability to empathize and connect with people from different backgrounds and cultures.

The Habit That Keeps Giving




Reading supports continuous growth. From self-help to science, every genre offers opportunities to learn and improve ourselves at any stage of life.



Start Reading Today

Books have the power to change lives. Make reading a part of your daily routine and experience the lifelong benefits it brings.





A Student's Guide to

Building Strong Reading Habits



Learning Objective

I can develop positive reading habits by setting goals, creating routines, and exploring books that interest me.



Why Reading Matters

- 1 Reading helps us grow, learn, and explore new worlds.
- 2 Just 20 minutes of reading a day exposes you to 1.8 million words a year!



Find **Books** You Love



Reading is fun when you
choose books that interest
you.

Try different genres, authors, or
formats like graphic novels.





Create a Routine

Set a specific time and place for reading.

This could be after lunch, after school, before bed, or even on the bus.



Set Reading Goals

Goals keep you motivated.
What do you hope to
achieve this year?

For example, "I will read for 15 minutes
every day this week."





Track Your Progress

Option 2: Book Log (You can choose this OR the time log)

Book 1:

- Title: _____
- Author: _____
- Did you like the book? (circle one):
Yes / More than I thought I would / A little bit / No

Directions:

Write a short summary of the book (3-5 sentences). Make sure your summary includes the **who, what, where, when, why, and how**, and what happened in the end (the **resolution**).

Summary:

- Parent/Guardian initials: _____



Sample Challenges

- 1 Push yourself with your reading; challenge yourself to read at least 2 hours a week.
- 2 You can read 12 books for the 2nd Lady AND Read 8 hours for Jefferson County Libraries AND Read/ Listen 20 hours for Denver Public Libraries





Start Your
Reading
Adventure

Where will books take you?



Resources

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Level Up Your Summer!

Join the Multilingual Summer Reading Challenge and win epic prizes.



Grand Prize

New Tablet & Book Set



Goal Reached

Ice Cream Social & Medals



How to Win

Log pages, beat learning loss!



Challenge Rewards & Guidelines



Grand Prize

Brand new tablet and a curated multilingual book set for the top reader.



Goal Reached

Unlock an ice cream social and custom medals for everyone who meets their goal.



How to Win

Log your daily reading pages, stay consistent, and defeat summer learning loss!