

CHECK MEOWT! READ SOMETHING GROOVY! 2016

Every summer the East Baton Rouge Parish Library sponsors a FREE, fun way to encourage children to read - the Summer Reading Program – and thousands of kids visit their libraries to enroll. In the summer of 2015, over 12,000 children enrolled in the summer reading program, and just over 7,000 completed the program. Contact your local public library branch for information and encourage kids to enroll.

- o We welcome young children, including babies, as well as students through the age of 11. The Library offers Teen and Adult programs, too.
- o Register at any EBRP Public library between May 30 and July 31.
- o Younger children can be read to and older children read for themselves. Read the rule sheet for minimum requirements.
- o Each child who completes Summer Reading receives a book bag with a free book and coupons from local businesses. The child will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate or school supply bag. Check with your local library to see which they will have. We offer FREE entertainment and crafts, along with books, magazines, movies, and recordings to check out.
- o Children should visit the library regularly, if possible. Children who read a book each week during SRP, can receive a key ring with groovy buttons. Ask at your branch.
- o If planning a group visit, call the library staff for suggested days and times.

To complete the Program, children birth through 3rd grade should read at least 10 books. Children in 4th through 6th grade should read at least 5 books. List them in this booklet. You may read your own copies if you wish.

Something NEW for Summer 2016. Children may take part in SRP the same as always OR in order to keep that reading going all summer, each time a child reads a book and takes the reading log to the library, the library staff will stamp the log and give the child a Pete the Cat Button to go on a short chain (given the first time stamped). Maximum of 1 stamp per week during SPR, for a maximum of 9 colorful buttons. Attach to bookbags, or purses, or tennis shoes! For a complete description of the program, ask at your local branch library.

NOTE that this is NOT a drop off / all day camp.

Besides being fun, educators know that informal reading in the summer maintains and even increases children's reading skills. Reading is a powerful tool for building vocabulary as well as the ability to read, write, spell, and comprehend. In addition, voluntary reading, such as summer reading programs, has a major impact on children's literacy progress. There are performers and programs offered throughout the summer to entice your child to go to the library!

So join the fun! Enroll your children in Summer Reading at your East Baton Rouge Parish Library!
Have you read to your child today?