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Title: Find a book, find a circus, find an animal, and find your voice at Chelsea District Library this summer!

Chelsea District LIbrary's (CDL) Summer Reading Program launches this June with reading challenges and events for all ages. Fall into a good book, earn chances to win prizes, and enjoy fun activities all summer long. "This year's theme inspires kids, teens, and adults to find their own inner and outer strength and encourages them to find the courage to use their voice for their community. Find Your Voice means finding what makes you, you, through reading and stories and through art, crafts, and nature," says Head of Information Services, Shannon Powers. Everyone is invited to join in the fun, with a youth-oriented kickoff and programs for adult, youth, and teen participants.

The Summer Reading Kickoff is Friday, June 9, from 12–2 pm. Crafts, a bounce house, an obstacle course, and more will fill the library lawn, along with special guests from ATA Martial Arts, the Eddy Discovery Center, and other community organizations. Children who complete six activities will earn a tasty frozen custard treat courtesy of Chelsea Culver's! The Kickoff is also a great time to register for the reading program by stopping by the registration tent at Katie's Korner on the Library Lawn. Readers can also participate entirely or partially online with the Beanstack app. To learn more and register in advance, visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp.

Students who read at least 20 hours will earn a free book, plus smaller prizes along the way, and entries into the Grand Prize Drawings. This year's Grand Prizes for kids include a gift certificate to Sea Life Michigan Aquarium (including passes to Legoland and Peppa Pig World of Play), classes at ATA Martial Arts, a horseback riding experience, an Ice Cream Party Pack, and more. Teens also have a chance to win a Target gift card worth \$100, a gift certificate to Destruction Depot, and a host of other fun prizes like an international snack pack.

Don't forget, adults love summer reading, too! Adult readers can register to participate using the Beanstack app, or pick up a paper log beginning June 9 at the library. Read six books to earn a free book to keep, and earn smaller prizes and grand prize tickets for reading 2–4 books as well! Prizes include gift cards to local restaurants such as the Common Grill, Smokehouse 52 BBQ, and even a horseback riding experience on a Friesian horse farm!

All this summer fun is made possible thanks to our sponsors: The Friends of the Chelsea District Library, Culver's of Chelsea, Mason Olive Lodge #156, Chelsea ATA Martial Arts, and Kiwanis Club of Chelsea. CDL also thanks Kitty Face, Destruction Depot, Collected Treasures Farm, and Sea Life Michigan Aquarium for their prize donations!

About Us: Chelsea District Library (CDL) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. CDL currently serves 16,126 residents in the Chelsea library district—City of Chelsea, Lyndon, and Sylvan Townships, and the portions of Lima and Dexter Townships within the Chelsea School District. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.