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Rocket into Reading at CDL's 2019 Summer Reading Program!

There's a *Universe of Stories* to be found at the Chelsea District Library (CDL) Summer Reading Program! Lift off into a good book, earn chances to win prizes, and enjoy fun activities all summer long. "This summer you can seek new destinations, near and far, by engaging with books, sharing stories with friends, and discovering opportunities to create and learn," said Keegan Sulecki, Head of Information Services. All ages are invited to join in the fun, with tailored kickoff events and programs for adult, youth, and teen participants.

The Adult Kickoff will take place in conjunction with CDL's 3rd annual Music in the Air event on Saturday, June 8, from 2–3 pm in the Reading Garden. This year, accomplished pianist Jacopo Giacopuzzi returns, sharing the stage with the talented cellist and composer Georgy Gusev. Sign up for the Adult Summer Reading game, and enjoy this open-air concert right here in downtown Chelsea! Arrive early to grab a seat or bring a blanket and find a spot on the lawn.

Summer Reading for adults includes a bingo-style game with the option to read or do activities around town. "More than just an opportunity to discover great reads, this is a chance to discover some of the wonderful resources available at the library and in the Chelsea Community," explains Sulecki. Get one bingo to earn a completion prize, such as a \$3 coupon to Zou Zou's or the Chelsea Bakery, plus an entry for one of the Adult Grand Prizes. Prizes include \$50 gift cards to Common Grill, Wines on Main, Thompson's Pizza, Smokehouse 52 BBQ, and Chelsea Alehouse, or a gift basket filled with items purchased locally. Each additional square completed earns participants another entry for a Grand Prize. Complete two bingos for a CDL drawstring backpack, and three bingos to choose a free book!

For kids and teens, the Summer Reading Kickoff is Wednesday, June 12, from 12–2 pm. CDL will host a variety of Space Stations on the Library Lawn. Kids can visit with Chelsea Robotics, color space-themed magnets, try an astronaut training obstacle course, take a turn in the rocket ship bounce house, and earn a sweet treat by completing six or more activities.

All ages can register for their respective games online at *chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp*. Elementary and middle school students in the Chelsea School District will bring home an online registration instruction sheet in early June. Those who are unable to register online from home are welcome to visit the library and sign up in-person.

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 Zhender's Splash Village, classes at ATA Martial Arts, a pass to the Chelsea Treehouse, tickets to The Henry Ford, and more. Teens also have a chance to win an Amazon gift card worth \$100 and a host of other fun prizes like a Harry Potter prize pack and movie tickets.

Children and teens can once again earn more drawing slips by completing Challenge Cards. Library patron Jen Pawlowski is a fan. "My daughter loves the summer reading challenge cards. The challenges are an interactive and fun way for kids to use literacy while engaging in the community." Also returning this year is the Discovery Center, featuring science and technology activities for elementary students and Math and Science Stations for preschoolers, which give kids more chances to earn drawing slips.

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For more information about this year's Summer Reading Program, contact Keegan Sulecki, Head of Information Services at 734-475-8732 x218 or at ksulecki@chelseadistrictlibrary.org. Information can also be found in the library's summer newsletter or online at *chelseadistrictlibrary.org/srp*.

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