

**Summer Reading 2024 Summary**  
**Adventure Begins at Your Library**  
**June 1-August 5, 2024**

**Summary**

This summer brought an adventure theme to ALPL! Our Info & Circulation desks used a travel focus in their decorations--suitcases, posters of staff traveling in various locations, and directional signage for far away lands. The Children’s department leaned toward camping and outdoor adventures--the desk became a camper, tents popped up, a forest appeared in the non-fiction section. Storytimes, book discussions (including a new mystery-reading group at Lake Eerie ), visits from Jungle Terry and the Parks & Rec summer camp kept staff busy.

**Participation**

A Summer Reading Club was offered to all ages. Adults, teens and children ages 0-12 were offered paper logs to track their reading. Copies were sent to all Avon Lake elementary schools, were available on the website, and could be picked up at the service desks. The Children’s department tracked the number of reading logs that came to the library from the schools to determine the sustainability of sending 1600 copies of the log to the schools. Only about 15% of them came back.

Children were asked to read or listen for 20-30 minutes/day for 10 days to receive a raffle ticket and small incentive prizes at 20, 40, and 60 days (books, flashlights, s’more kits). Adults and teens turned in a raffle ticket each time they read an entire book.

Local prize support was generous this year with Applebees stepping up to provide kids meal vouchers. Raffle prizes included outdoor adventure kits (tent, sleeping bag), water adventure kits (beach toys), animal adventure kits (fishing and bug catching gear) as well as Legos, Kindle Fires, and gift cards to local eateries and coffee houses for teens/adults.

**Unique Participants in 2024**

	2024	2023
Adults	126	75
Teens 13-17	40	20
Children 0-12	684	661

For comparison

Children 0-12	
2024	684
2023	661
2022	681
2021	540
2020	222

While the number of students in the Avon Lake School District has been decreasing, our participant numbers are holding steady. Nearly 20% of the children who participated completed 60 days of reading over the summer. Individual teen participation doubled from 2023 and most teen and adult participants read more than one book over the summer.

### Volunteer Involvement

We could not have done all of this without our great teen and adult volunteers. They prepared crafts, helped with decorations, ran stations at programs, pulled weeds in the garden, scanned materials, and more. There were 53 teen or adult volunteers over the summer (up from 37 in 2023) with a total of nearly 242 volunteer hours (up from 130 in 2023).

### Friends of the Library

The Friends group provided funding for most of the large summer programs--Pop Rocks Concerts, Jungle Terry, parent/child yoga as well as funding for some of the Children's incentive prizes.

### Programming Highlights

Program Type	Participant Ages/Details	Number of Programs	Attendance
Group Visits, Children's Dept	Avon Lake Parks & Rec Summer Camp	4	280
Storytime outreach visits to Avon Lake daycares	Ages 2-5	20	627
Book Discussions	Adults	11	131
Teen & Tween Programs	Ages 12-18	9	48
Music lessons & open play programs	5+, adults	24	300
Technology Programs	Adults	5	13
Family Events Jungle Terry, Pop Rocks concerts, family yoga, etc	Children, all ages	16	1049
Storytimes (Family Storytime, Step-Up Club, Baby Time, Toddler Time)	Ages 0-5	51	948
Garden Club Programs	4	5	26
Sensory/Adapted Programs	Children, all ages	1	150
Take home craft bags	All ages	2	300
Discovery Works programming (Brown Bag Science, Unplugged programs)	3-12	8	1050
	<b>TOTAL SUMMER PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>4922</b>