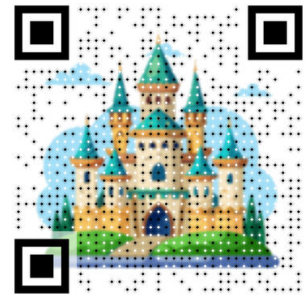




Fired up about reading!
Summer Reading 2026
Lowell Public Library
219-696-7704
June 1st- July 25th
Summer Reading Guidelines



The Children's Summer Reading program is for children from birth to 4th grade. Children going into middle school in the fall can participate in our YA program.

Pre-registration starts on **Tuesday, May 26th** for the reading portion of summer reading. Sign-ups can be done online.

<https://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/kids-summer-reading-2026>

The first day that books count toward prizes and reading credit is **Monday, June 1st**. The last day is **Saturday, July 25th**.

In addition to reading, we also offer various program activities each Tuesday and Thursday. Online registration for these activities starts **Monday, June 1st**. Program sign-ups will be available online one week prior to each program and may also be taken over the phone. If you are unable to attend a program you signed up for, please call to let us know.

To make sure we have enough supply for each craft, Pre-registration is required.

Only items checked out from the Library are eligible for reading credits. Each reader will have a dragon displayed to show their progress.

When children finish reading a book, parents must fill in their child's reading booklet, found at the desk in the children's department. Books without chapters are considered 1 book. Each chapter in a chapter book is considered 1 book. Therefore, if a child reads a book with 12 chapters the parent would record "12" on the "ch" line after the book's title.

For every 10 books/chapters a child reads, items will be added to their dragon :

10 books/chapters: **dragon face**

20 books/chapters: **dragon horns**

30 books/chapters: **dragon wings**

40 books/chapters: **flames**

Every additional 10 books/chapters: **gem stickers**

We will be offering "grand prizes" at the end of Summer Reading. Throughout the 8 week program, readers will have the opportunity to put their name in for the end of Summer prize drawings! Prize drawings will be July 29th.

Each day that a child checks out 5 or more books, they will receive a gold coin from the front desk and they will have the opportunity to select an item from the treasure chest. When they check out 10 or more **BOOKS**, they will not only get their coin but also a slip to fill out for the prize drawings.

Each day they check out 10 or more books, they fill out a slip. The more slips they fill out throughout Summer, the more chances they have to win one of the prizes!

When Summer Reading is completed, students who attend school at Three Creeks, Oak Hill, or Lake Prairie will have their dragon picture and booklets returned to them at school. Those children who are in preschool, homeschooled, or who attend other schools may pick up their picture and booklet from the Lowell Library.

Thank you for your interest in Lowell Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

There are many books, games, crafts, prizes and lots of fun waiting for you.

Come enjoy the summer with us!