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Pima County Public Library is ready to launch the annual Summer Reading Programs

Pima County Public Library's annual Summer Reading Programs will begin May 22 with three new themes to captivate readers of all ages, and dozens of fun and educational activities at branch libraries throughout the summer.

Summer Reading Programs for all age groups begin May 22 and end July 19. A calendar of all activities connected with the reading programs is available at all Pima County Public libraries. Registration materials or summer reading game boards for children will be available at the branch libraries beginning May 22.

Pima County Public Library's 2008 summer reading club, called "**Catch the Reading Bug**", is for children through the fifth grade.

All children have to do is spend some time this summer reading, just for fun, and in the meantime they can improve their reading comprehension, speed and vocabulary. To participate, they can read on their own, read to one another, or be read to.

Children can pick up a free Catch the Reading Bug game card at any branch library, and use the game card to keep track of how many hours they read.

For every six hours read, children earn incentives, Arizona Sonora Desert museum passes, and other prizes. These prizes are available while supplies last. All those who read 24 hours by July 19 will receive a reading certificate and a ticket for four people to the Sidewinders baseball finale July 29. Six hours of extra reading will earn the child a pass to Breakers Water Park, and a free paperback book.

Summer reading programs for teens and adults too!

Pima County Public Library also has summer reading programs for older readers. The program, "**A Midsummer's Night Read**", is open to teens 12 to 18 years old, or those in grades six to 12. Registration also begins on May 22.

For every 10 hours read, teens receive prizes and gift coupons good at community businesses. Teens can register online at www.library.pima.gov or drop by their branch library for additional details.

"**Metamorphosis**" is the theme for the Adult Summer Reading program. This program, for adults ages 18 and older, is guaranteed to inspire with ideas on how to improve the physical environment, pursue a new pastime or expand social networks. Readers can

list, rate and review books online, or pick up a Metamorphosis notebook at a library. Readers who join online get a chance to win a \$5.00 gift card at Barnes & Noble.

Adults set their own reading goals, like learning about a new hobby or reading more to their kids. Then, if they meet that goal before July 19 they will earn a Bookmans credit slip (while supplies last).

The Library catalog contains a number of titles describing the fascinating ways in which books have changed the lives of the notable and the celebrated. Beginning this summer, our librarians will present lists of transformative books and motivating stories on the Library's webpage.

Escape the summer heat to take part in life-changing summer events: explore timely environmental topics; try out a new hobby; or get the lowdown on becoming a community volunteer.

Read all about it at your library this summer.

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