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Read and explore with the Pima County Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

Read this summer. That is the goal of the Pima County Public Library's 2011 Summer Reading Program, May 26 to July 23 at all Pima County libraries.

Calendars listing the hundreds of free presentations and workshops offered in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program are available at all branch libraries. There are presentations for all ages, including adults. This year, the calendar is found inside the Library's summer magazine.

Each age level program involves keeping track of the number of hours read, or being read to on a gameboard or online at www.library.pima.gov. When a certain level is achieved, for example, reading 24 hours, a prize is awarded.

Prizes this year include the Adventure Pass, which includes a discount coupon for a purchase at the Friends of the Library Book Barn, discount deals at popular destinations all over Pima County, and a coupon for reduced admission at the Reid Park Zoo.

Child and Adult Program:

Children (babies and kids up to age 12) earn a prize for every six hours of reading. Those who read 24 hours by July 23 will receive a Reading Certificate and Pima County Public Library's Adventure Pass, which includes a pass to the Reid Park Zoo on July 30, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Read an extra six hours to earn a pass to Breakers Water Park and a free paperback book.

Adults (18 years and up) participate by signing up at www.library.pima.gov. Adults earn chances in weekly drawings for \$5 Bookmans Entertainment credit slips just for signing up. Find a great book to start reading adventures by checking the list of librarian-recommended titles at www.library.pima.gov.

Teen Program:

Teens (ages 12 to 18, or grades six to 12) earn prizes and gift coupons good at community businesses for every 10 hours read. Prizes include a \$10 gift certificate to Bookmans Entertainment, a free pass to Breakers Water Park and a backstage pass to the Listen Here Rock Concert finale, where they can party with performing bands in the Main Library's Parking Garage.

Teens kick off their summer reading with the **MangaMania** event, Saturday, May 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Murphy Wilmot Branch Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road. There will be gaming, costume workshops, a Manga exchange and Anime art viewings – all free and open to teens.

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In addition, the Library will host a variety of free family events during the summer.

Saturday, June 11

**Odaiko Sonora
Japanese Drumming**

Second Saturdays Downtown
Scott Avenue Stage
6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

**Capoeira Mandinga Tucson
Brazilian Martial Arts and Dance**

Himmel Park Outdoor Amphitheater
1000 N. Tucson Blvd.
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 16

Jordan Hill Storytelling

Crossroads at Silverbell District Park
7548 N. Silverbell Road
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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