

2026

Dixon Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Questions?

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June 8th-July 17th, 2026

Registration begins May 11th.

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How can I be a part of the summer reading program?

Option #1: The best way to participate in the summer program is to have a library card. The Summer Reading Program is FREE to those with a Dixon Public Library card in good standing. All residents living within the city limits of Dixon are entitled to library cards. To get your library card, simply bring your driver's license or other proof of address to the circulation desk. For children, a parent's ID will suffice. Those children whose families live outside the city limits of Dixon and have purchased a \$85 non-resident library card may also participate for free. This card is good all year long and not just during the summer reading program. Youth in grades K-12 who are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches under the National School Lunch Program may receive a library card regardless of whether or not they live within the city limits. When applying for a non-resident card, the qualifying student must present to the library documentation from the school or school district that indicates his/her eligibility for free or reduced price lunches. Having a library card is the preferred option because it allows you to participate in ALL parts of the program, including checking out books from the library.



Option #2: If you live outside the city limits and purchasing a non-resident library card is not within your budget right now, you can still be a part of the fun by signing up as a Summer Reading Participant. This allows you to take part in almost all of the planned summer reading activities, but you will be unable to check out books from the library.



What things can I do once I'm signed up for the summer reading program?

Once you have signed up for the program you can pick and choose from a variety of fun things to do. It's up to you how many things you choose to do based on your interests and schedule. Below is a list of some options and the age groups they are designed for.



Weekly Programs

Monday

Family Programs—These programs are designed for the whole family to enjoy! This year's plans include an animal program, a book tasting, a return visit from comedian/magician Dan Gogh, and much more! Most of these programs take place in the evening but there are exceptions so make sure to check out our weekly brochure for more details!.

Tuesday

Nine-and-Up Club—Each Tuesday at 10:00 am we will be offering a workshop geared toward kids **9-14 years of age**. Plans include a trivia showdown, unique crafts, minigolf, and more. Space and supplies are limited so registration is required for each week. Ask at the circulation desk for more information!



Wednesday

Drop-In Crafts—You can stop by to do crafts each Wednesday during the summer reading program between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Crafts are offered while supplies last and no prior sign-up is required. Watch for more information in our weekly brochure. All ages are welcome.

Thursday

Storytimes for Babies and Toddlers and Wonder Club Programs for Preschoolers and Kindergarteners— This summer, storytimes for our youngest patrons (**ages 18 mos.-young 3's**) will be offered at **9:30 am at the library**. ***Returning this summer!*** We're excited to announce we will be offering Wonder Club programs for the preschool and kindergarten age groups (**older three-year-olds through 6 years of age**) This program will lead children through fun STEM-based activities. **These programs will begin at 10:30 at the library and will last approximately 1-1 1/2 hours.** No prior registration is necessary for either program but supplies are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Contact the youth department for more information.

Not Just a Book Club—The "Not Just a Book Club" group **is for youth ages 11-14**. We will meet weekly on Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm throughout the summer. Youth must sign up for the individual weeks in which they wish to participate. We'll have a book discussion along with snacks and an activity or game. Call the library at (815) 284-7261 ext. 2 or email Channing at channing.stoudt@dixonpubliclibrary.org for more information or to sign up.



Activities You Can Do Throughout the Six Weeks of the Summer Reading Program:

Check Out Books and Participate In Programs: Children registered for the summer reading program may enter the drawing each week for a chance to win prizes. Each time participants check out books they will receive a chance to enter the drawing. There is a limit of one entry per checkout per day. We will contact you if you are a winner! Our marble run will be back once again this summer! When you return books you've checked out, we'll give you one marble per book to put through our marble run.

ReadSquared Online Reading Log: Youth who have registered for the summer reading program may complete a reading log to earn prizes. Our ReadSquared app is the central location to keep track of what you read during the summer reading program. Younger children can also complete a reading log and keep track of books that have been read to them. Simply download the app or access the site using a browser to set up your account. This year we are once again going to be doing a Read-and-Bead incentive program. Kids will receive a brag tag and chain when they sign up for the summer reading program. As you record the minutes you've read you can earn beads to add to your tag. The more you read the more ornate and unique your bead choices will be! The ReadSquared app will notify you when you've earned a bead! If you prefer to keep track of your reading on a paper log, ask for one at the youth circulation desk.



Library Scavenger Hunts: Our monthly scavenger hunts will continue throughout the summer months. Stop in anytime during regular library hours to try to locate that month's items. Anyone who completes the scavenger hunt will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Prizes, you say? How do I earn prizes? We have a variety of different ways to earn prizes throughout the program. Ask at the desk for more information!

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