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Troy Public Hosts Family Event on June 14 with Petting Zoo, Lawn Activities, Prizes, Food Trucks

TROY, MICHIGAN: Families of children ages 0–13 are invited to join Troy Public Library (TPL) on Friday, June 14 from 6–8 pm for a [Summer Library Program kick-off event](#). No registration required. Weather permitting, this outdoor event will take place in the space between TPL and City Hall. TPL will host a variety of activity stations including a bounce house (socks required), Carousel Acres petting zoo, outdoor games, reptiles provided by Reptarium, and more. Children who complete at least six activities will earn a chance to win one of three \$50 Amazon gift cards! Winners will be announced Monday, June 17. Families who would like to enjoy dinner while at the event can choose to purchase food at the Delectabowl food truck.



“Our annual Summer Kick-off has become a popular event that families look forward to each year.” says Keegan Sulecki. In 2023, an estimated 2800-3000 people were in attendance.

The Summer Library Program has options for Listeners (birth to Kindergarten) and Readers (Grades 1-6). Children who participate in the Summer Library Program from June 14–August 10 can log their reading and complete activities for small prizes and to earn a chance to win one of the grand prize options. Register for the Summer Library Program at

troypl.org/SLP beginning June 1. However, logged reading will not count toward the challenge until June 14.

“Summer Library Program is a great time for kids to explore their own interests through reading and experiential activities like those options provided in our STEM activity badge,” says Keegan Sulecki. Other activity options include the Unplugged Badge to encourage kids to do things away from screens and the Wonder Outside Badge to encourage kids to get more physical play outside. There are even activity options for Listeners (birth to Kindergarten). “We suggest activities in the categories of Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play for our youngest participants as these activities are the foundation of early literacy skills,” says Sulecki.

However, the opportunities for summer fun at TPL aren’t just for children. Teens and adults can participate as well, by reading/listening to books or magazines, downloading and streaming films, TV shows and music, or attending library programs.

Teen librarian Holly Osentoski says the Teen kickoff will feature a three-hour lock-in at the library, with pizza, trivia, crafts, games, and more. Teens grades 6-12 who participate over the summer will have the chance to win one of six raffle baskets, with themes that include sci-fi/fantasy, crafts, STEAM, and “foodies.”



Adults who participate will earn chances to win one of three fabulous prize baskets: “Book Lovers,” “Gardener’s Delight,” and “Date Night.” “Book Lovers” includes books, gift cards, a puzzle, and chocolates, while “Gardener’s Delight” features a planter filled with gardening tools, a solar-powered light-up bird feeder, and a gift card for Telly’s Greenhouse.

The winner of the “Date Night” basket will receive gift cards for the Fisher Theater, MJR, Top Golf, and Seasons 52, along with date night activity cards and a charcuterie board. Adult Information librarian Cassandra Suh says, “There is something for everyone in these baskets, and the prizes have never been better!”

The Summer Library Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Troy Public Library.

Troy Public Library is located at 510 W. Big Beaver Rd., just northeast of City Hall.
Visit troypl.org for more information or call 248.524.3538.

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