

Summertime at Hope Branch Library

Summer is almost here. And at the library, that means Summer Reading. This year's theme is 'Catch the Reading Bug!' Celebrate summer and join the library for a buzzing good time! We have bug themed prizes, good eats, and some fast paced programs. Children and adults may sign up and get great prizes for reading. The Summer Reading Program begins **Monday, June 2, 2008**. You will receive a free bookmark for signing up. For those who are not familiar with the program, here are the basics.

The Summer Reading Program is available for both children and adults, but the rules and prizes are a little different for each, but the basic premise is the same. Check out books, read them, and then bring them back to the library for prizes. The kids earn points for their books based on how long they are, and then they use their points for various toys, coupons and even prize books. The adults receive one prize for every book they read and return until they are finished with the program. There is more detailed information at the library, and we have information sheets that you'll get when you sign up. The program runs through July, and the last day to turn in books and redeem your points will be Thursday, July 31st.

Keeping with the theme of Catch the Reading Bug, the Hope Library will present a program on Monday June 16th at 7:00pm. Luke the Bug Guy will bring interesting insect specimens, and you can bring bugs that you find for him to identify as well. Best of all, Luke will bring some bugs to cook and eat, if you are brave enough to try them! Luke Jacobus is manager of an insect laboratory at Indiana University and teaches biology for IUPUC and Indiana Wesleyan University. Over the past four years, he's discovered 15 new insect species from North America, Africa and Asia. Adults, kids and families are encouraged to sign up at the library.

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