

## Be Creative @ the Library - Super Summer 2009

It's the middle of May, school is winding down, and it's time to get ready for summer. Summer at the library also means time for the Summer Reading Club! This year's club begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends July 31<sup>st</sup>. The first week of the program will be dedicated to sign-up only. Then children will have eight weeks to read books so they can earn prizes.

One of the most exciting things about the Summer Reading Club this year is the change in format. The Children's Department has changed the point system from 600 to 40. We hope this new system will encourage more children to sign up. Also, we hope children will want to finish the reading club so they can get more prizes. In previous years, children earned set levels of point based on the type of book. Now each child will receive one point per book. Children should read books that fall into their reading level. For every 5 points earned, children can get prizes. Coupons from Chili's, Texas Roadhouse, Rally's, toys, and books are just a few of the fantastic prizes we have. In addition to the prizes for reading, we will have weekly drawings for kids to earn extra prizes.

This year's Summer Reading Club theme is "Be Creative". While the focus of the reading club is books, this year's theme celebrates the worlds of music and art as well. We will have an art week in June with the following activities: clay sculpting, painting, scratch art, and sand art. In July, we will have a music week where children can make a rain stick, drum, harp, and a tambourine. Other Summer Reading Club activities will include working with latchhook, painting the windows at the library, and basket weaving.

We still have our regular programming: Milk & Cookies storytimes, storytimes for ages 1-2 and 3-5, K-3 craft and storytime, Preschool Playtime, computer classes, Webkinz Club, American Girl Club, Legends & Lore, Super Scientists, Sing-A-Long, Movie Night, Girl Mania, and X-Treme Team (for boys only). We also have teen programming: Smash or Trash (book club) and Teen Girls Only (teen craft). For more information on any of our programs, please feel free to stop by, call, or email. We will be happy to tell you more. And one of the best things about all the library events is that they are FREE!

And don't forget to check out our books - we have fantastic titles on the shelf and we continue to receive new ones. To celebrate the "Be Creative" theme, why not check out books on artists such as Picasso or Seurat. Or maybe our new poetry book "Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings" and other poetry books to jumpstart your own poetic side. We also have books that feature music, such as "A Crooked Kind of Perfect" by Linda Urban. This beautiful book tells the story of a girl's dream to play the piano. So whether you want nonfiction or fiction, books about music, art, or writing, we have a book for you! So embrace your creative side this summer at the library!

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