

## Be Creative @ Your Library!

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>. 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. In previous years, children earned set levels of point based on the type of book. Now each child will receive one point per book. 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. 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 @ Your Library". 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 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 remember, all the library events are FREE!

While you're at the library, don't forget to check out some great books! To celebrate the "Be Creative" theme, here are a few books that have music as part of the story:

"Theo and the Blue Note" by Peter Kuper – Theo is a cat who wants to play the saxophone. Just when he thinks he will never learn to play, Theo goes on a grand adventure and learns his one note can make a difference. Ages 3 and up

"Piano Starts Here" by Robert Andrew Parker – This picture book tells the story of Art Tatum, a famous jazz pianist and his love of music and family. Ages 4 and up

"Crooked Kind of Perfect" by Linda Urban – In this fantastic novel, Zoe Elias is a ten-year-old girl who dreams of playing the piano. Not only does she want to play, but she wants to be a prodigy and perform at Carnegie Hall. To accomplish this she needs a piano. Unfortunately, her father buys her an organ! Although disappointed, Zoe gives the organ a try. Over the next six months she deals with her workaholic mother, her crazy father, and changes at school while practicing for her first recital. Can the organ replace her dream for a piano? Ages 9 and up

"Audrey, Wait!" by Robin Benway – Audrey's life spirals out of control when she breaks up with her boyfriend Evan and he writes a song about it. The song becomes a smash and she has reporters and crazed fans on the hunt for her. Audrey's passion for music shines through as she tries to deal with her new fame. Can Audrey survive the spotlight? Ages 14 and up

"When It Happens" by Susane Colasanti – This book revolves around Sara and Tobey's senior year, their plans for the future, and the possibility of love. Tobey is seen as a slacker whose only interest is his garage band. Sara is dating one of the most popular guys in school and is focused on going to a good college. Sara and Tobey must learn to handle jealousy, lies, and the future as they both realize they have a chance at love. Ages 14 and up

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