



# 2018 SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

## Mission of Summer Library Program:

To decrease summer learning loss, engage youth and families during the summer, and increase awareness of TRL in our communities through a cohesive district-wide literacy program.

## Vision:

- is recognizable and accessible to any person in our five-county region.
- exists as much outside the library as it does inside the library.
- demonstrates the many resources of the library beyond books.
- is inclusive.
- involves the whole family.

## Goals for this year included:

- Register at least 15,000 people. We exceeded this goal with 16,483 participants!
- Encourage more adults to participate. In 2018, 3,165 adults joined in the fun, up from 643 adults in 2017.
- A more accessible program for struggling readers, non-readers, and those not yet able to read by providing activities alternate to reading.

Building literacy skills is essential for learning to read, at any age. For this reason, this year we emphasized building literacy skills, in addition to promoting and celebrating reading. To that end our activity log and online challenges included multiple literacy activities such as writing, drawing, singing, and dancing in addition to reading and listening to stories in a variety of formats.

## Parents and caregivers reported:

### Results

A total of 299 survey responses were collected. Of the percentage of parents or caregivers surveyed who either **agreed** or **strongly agreed** that they benefited from the service or program:

- 88% reported their child maintained or increased their reading skills
- 68% reported their child reads more often
- 70% reported their child is a more confident reader
- 73% reported their child uses the library more often

## Adults reported for themselves:

### Results

A total of 200 survey responses were collected. Of the percentage of patrons surveyed who either **agreed** or **strongly agreed** that they benefited from the service or program:

- 88% learned something new from what they read or experienced
- 69% read more often
- 70% enjoy reading more
- 78% want to use the library more often

## Additional program results:

- 1,025 Events held for kids, teens, and families (does not include adult events)
- 29,443 attended those events

