



Aurora Public Library

Summer Challenge 2017

Dear Teachers:

As the school year comes to a close, Aurora Public Library is gearing up for our Summer Challenge! The Summer Challenge is a way to entice students of all ages to come to the library to explore all that we have to offer. Whether students are reading a bestselling book, learning about the science behind building a LEGO tower or tinkering with new technology, we want to make the library an educational destination! Our summer challenge allows customers of all ages to earn rewards for reading, visiting the library and participating in fun activities. Not only will the summer challenge be fun, but the learning-based activities will also help keep students from dropping behind and falling victim to the “summer slide.” A Dominican University study shows students who don’t read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. It also determined that young people who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading and math when they return to school.

This year, our theme is “Build a Better World.” To celebrate, we will hold a party from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at our beautiful Santori Library in downtown Aurora. We plan to have building challenges, face painting, art projects and a featured guest speaker! To get students involved right away, this year we are offering a soft launch to the Summer Challenge beginning May 15. The early launch date will allow students to take part in online registration and even begin their online activity log. The challenge will end August 5, just in time for students to head back to school.

On the back of this letter is a fact sheet that will give you a better understanding of the program. Also included is a half-sheet promotional flyer that you can send home with students. Please contact me if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
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**BUILD A BETTER
WORLD**



Aurora Public Library
Summer Challenge Fact Sheet
Build a Better World
May 15 through August 5



Registration:

- Online registration and online program begin May 15. Online registration is at aurorapubliclibrary.beanstack.org (online registration will be available on May 15)
- Paper logs and in-person signup begin June 3
- Students can begin redeeming prizes on June 3
- The last day of the program is August 5
- Students will have the option of completing a digital or physical log

Logs:

- Each log is designed to challenge students to complete all three levels. To complete a level, students will complete five learning-based activities. For students who want to go the extra mile, they can also complete up to five bonus levels.
- The entire log does not consist of reading! While reading is an important part of the program, we want to encourage children who might be reluctant readers to join the program. We've included many learning-based activities as part of our log to make the program more appealing.

Prizes:

- Each time students complete a level, they will receive one prize of their choosing. Prizes consist of books, coupons or toys.

Programs:

- The library will offer a variety of fun programs this summer. Children and parents can get a look at all of our program offerings by reading our newsletter that is mailed out to all Aurora residents or by joining our e-newsletter located on the homepage of our website. We will offer programs like Sphero maze building, fort building at the library, and a kids' coding club! Our bookmobile will also pop up at different mystery locations throughout Aurora for some summer fun! (Watch our facebook page to find out where: Aurora Public Library, Illinois)
- We will have a Summer Challenge Celebration on June 10 at the Santori Library from noon to 4 p.m. We plan to have building challenges, face painting, art projects, and a featured guest speaker. Our guest speaker, Beth Mund, is a space expert who used to work for NASA!

Aurora Public Library Locations:

Santori Public Library
101 S. River St.
630-264-4100

Eola Road Branch
555. S. Eola Road
630-264-3400

West Branch
233 S. Constitution Drive
630-264-3600

Bookmobile
630-723-2705