



May Newsletter



LEVEL UP



AT YOUR LIBRARY



For 2025 Summer Reading Challenge!

TIMELINE - The Challenge starts on May 28th and continues through July 28th. All reading logs must be turned in by July 29th.

SIMPLE LOGGING METHOD! – For each day you read, all you have to do is record that you read. That’s it. Really! Any amount of reading counts. Simply log that you read in the Beanstack App or check off the day on the paper calendar logs. We are not requiring a certain number of minutes, pages, or books. We simply want you to read.

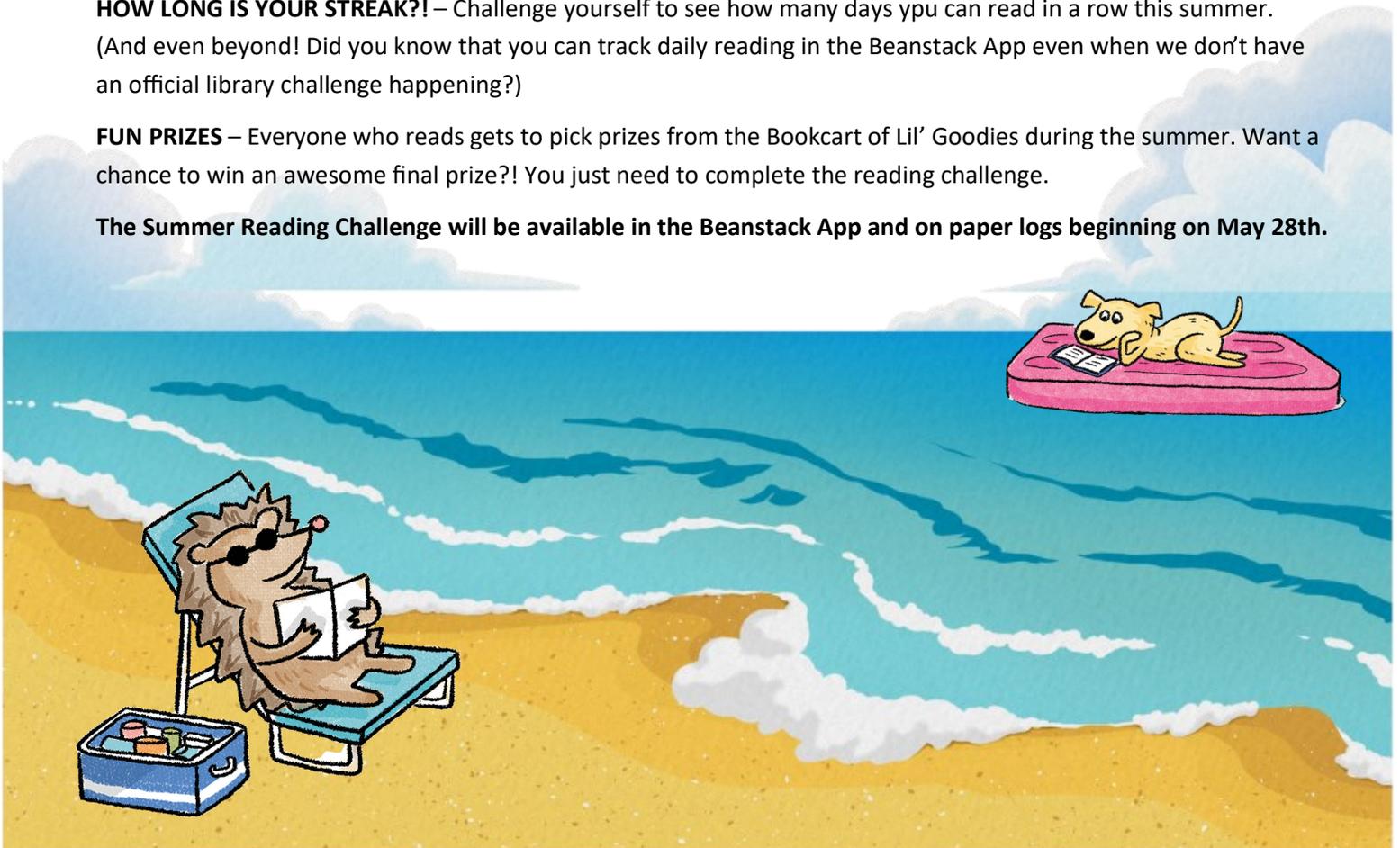
PERSONALIZE THE CHALLENGE – Set your own reading goals this summer. Each kid, teen and adult can have a different reading goal that suits them.

AND DON'T WORRY – Did you forget to log your daily reading during the fun of a vacation trip? Simply change the date in the Beanstack App to log reading on those past dates.

HOW LONG IS YOUR STREAK?! – Challenge yourself to see how many days you can read in a row this summer. (And even beyond! Did you know that you can track daily reading in the Beanstack App even when we don't have an official library challenge happening?)

FUN PRIZES – Everyone who reads gets to pick prizes from the Bookcart of Lil' Goodies during the summer. Want a chance to win an awesome final prize?! You just need to complete the reading challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge will be available in the Beanstack App and on paper logs beginning on May 28th.



Preschool Storytimes

Tuesdays | 10AM & 1PM

These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts. The program lasts 30 minutes followed by craft time. Leftover storytime crafts will be available in the kids area while supplies last.

Baby/Toddler Storytime

Thursdays | 10AM

Baby Storytime is an interactive storytime that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, fingerplays, and body movement. Best for 0-23 months old.

Family Fun Thursdays

Thursdays | 3-5PM

Different, fun activities each Thursday in the Kids Area. Light snack served every Thursday. Drop in from 3-5pm, with the exception of [Kids in the Kitchen](#), which is from 3-4pm in the Great Room. Kids in the Kitchen will be making Edible Food Art.

- May 1st - Kid's Crafternoon
- May 8th - Lego Club
- May 15th - Kids in the Kitchen - Play with your food!
- May 22nd - Let's Get Moving - The Floor is Lava
- May 29th - Miss Amy's Choice



Indoor Mini Golf

May 17th | 10AM-4PM

Bring the "hole" family to the library and play a round of mini golf. Check-in at the Circulation Desk to get your club and ball, then enjoy 9 holes of golf throughout the Library.

Read with Maui

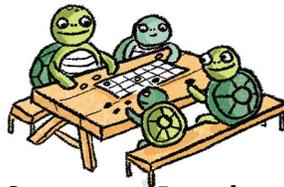
May 21st | 4-5PM

Come sign up for a time slot to read to therapy dog Maui. Newfoundlands have earned a reputation as a patient and watchful 'nanny dog' for kids. Get your Maui Loyalty Card! The more times you read to Maui, the more prizes you could win.

Adult Bingo Night

May 30th | 6PM

It's Bingo Night at the Library. We provide the daubers, light refreshments, fun, and prizes. Bring your own lucky charms. Adults only, please. Doors open at 5:45pm.



Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

May 31st | 5PM

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge then join us for pizza, crafts, board games, StoryWalk, and MORE! Attendance prizes drawn throughout the event.



Bethalto Public Library Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meetings are the second Thursday each month at 7:00pm and are open to the public. If you have any questions or concerns about our role in the community, please stop in at the next meeting. If you are unavailable at that time, you can reach out via email to libraryboard@bethaltolibrary.org.

Next Meeting

May 8, 2025

Virtual Event Series

Register at bethaltolibrary.org and watch online from home.



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Christian the Magician

June 12th | 2PM



Christian the Magician St. Louis' #1 comedy magician will take the stage at the Senior Center (100 E. Central St.) for an hour of magical fun - free admission for everyone!



Alton River Dragons Storytime

June 10th & 28th | 10AM

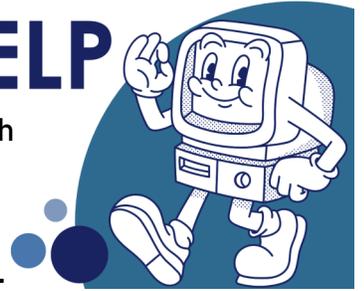
Members of the Alton River Dragons Baseball team will be at the June 10th and June 28th 10am storytimes. They will be reading stories and participating in activities.

There is so much going on this summer, we can't list it all. Be sure to read the June and July newsletters and keep an eye on our social media for more activities.

TECH HELP

Tue., May 13th & 27th
4:30-6PM

Drop in Tech Help.
No appointment needed.



Just drop by for a one on one session with a friendly volunteer.

We can assist you with:

- Basic computer skills
- New email setup (cell phone typically needed)
- Library app setup and help (CloudLibrary, Libby, Share)
- Internet help
- Basic Office software help
- Typing help for short documents
- Assist with password recovery, in some instances

Unfortunately, we cannot:

- Enter sensitive information for patrons
- Provide medical, legal, or business advice
- Repair broken devices
- Set up new devices

Please bring any passwords or pins for devices, emails, etc. Including your Apple ID password.

There may be a wait time, depending on demand or the tech help needed.

Used Book Sale

May 3, 2025

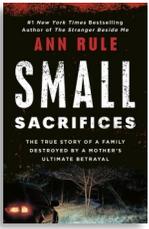
8:30am to Noon - Regular Sale
1pm to 3pm - Bag Sale

Our Used Book Sale features a variety of used books and DVDs with prices from \$0.25 to \$4.00. For the Bag Sale, bring your own bag and fill it for \$4.00. No scanning allowed. Sale happens rain or shine. Book Sale proceeds go directly to the Library for programs and new books.

Thank you for supporting your local library.



Join our Book Clubs!



June's Title
My Story
by Elizabeth Smart

Thursday
May 1st | 6PM



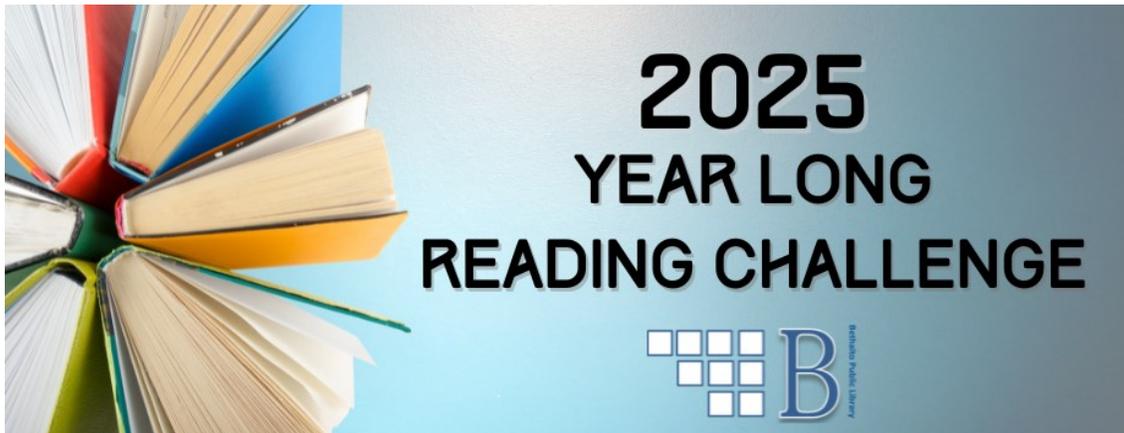
June's Title
Horse
by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday
May 6th | 6:30PM



June's Title
Circe
by Madeline Miller

Wednesday
May 21st | 10AM



This reading challenge is for everyone! Pick any book that meets the month's prompts, then log your reading in the Beanstack app or on the paper forms, and you are automatically entered for that month's prize drawings. Winners will choose from a prize basket filled with goodies, including book themed gifts, gift cards, and more. (Eligible to win up to 3 times during the year.)

MAY



Written in the
1900's



Clouds
on the cover



About magic



Five letter word
in the title



Set on an
island



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Days Closed

Memorial Day
May 25-26, 2025
Juneteenth
June 19, 2025

Hours

Mon - Thu: 10:00am to 7:00pm
Fri, Sat: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Sun: 12:00pm to 4:00pm