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## ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## Summer Library Challenge begins June 10

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library is inviting the public to participate in its Summer Library Challenge from June 10 to Aug. 10. The program invites cardholders of all ages to participate in mind-expanding fun at the library with events, prizes and drawings.

Summer Library Challenge registration, which is free and open to all ages, begins June 10 at Blasco Memorial Library, Bookmobile, Edinboro Branch, Iroquois Branch, Lincoln Branch, and Millcreek Branch locations. Participants will earn an entry into the end-of-summer grand prize drawing for every five hours they read and every four events they attend in Erie County this summer. They will also receive a prize from the program's sponsors after returning their first completed entry form.

This year's program, which follows the statewide theme of "A Universe of Stories," is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Library. Incentives were sponsored by Claytopia, Donatos, McDonalds, Nick's Place and Chipotle.

The Summer Library Challenge, which helps young people maintain the learning acquired during the school year, reinforces the Erie County Public Library's commitment to supporting local schools and students through quality after-school, weekend and summer programming. Studies estimate that summer breaks cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, with the greatest learning loss in math computation, reading and spelling. Some students, particularly those from disadvantaged households, lose up to three months of learning.

For a full list of summer events at the Erie County Public Library, visit [events.erialibrary.org](http://events.erialibrary.org).

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