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With summer on the horizon, it's time to join Pima County Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Pima County Public Library's annual Summer Reading programs are set to begin with new themes to captivate readers of all ages and hundreds of fun and educational activities at libraries throughout the summer.

Pima County Public Library's 2009 summer reading club, called "**Be Creative @ Your Library**", is for children, their parents, grandparents and any adult over the age of 18. Reading programs for all ages begin May 21 and end July 18, and the calendar of events is now available at all branch libraries.

Children can pick up a free "**Be Creative @ Your Library**" game board at any library, and use the game board to keep track of how many hours they read, or they can log their minutes online at www.library.pima.gov. For every six hours read, children earn prizes. All those who read 24 hours by July 18 will receive a reading certificate and a ticket for four people to the Tucson Toros baseball finale at Hi Corbett Field Sunday, July 26. Six hours of extra reading will earn the child a pass to Breakers Water Park, and a free paperback book.

"**Be Creative @ Your Library**" is also the theme for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Adults can list, rate and review books online. Just for signing up, adults earn chances in weekly drawings for \$5 Bookmans credit slips. Those who read 20 hours will earn a reusable book bag and an Adventure Pass with discounts to Pima County attractions, including a discount towards a purchase at the Friends of the Pima County Public Library Book Barn. Those who read 30 hours by July 18 will be entered into a drawing for \$100 credit voucher at Bookmans. Beginning this summer, the Library will publish lists of theme-related reads recommended by staff librarians inside the new "Your Library" Magazine, and on the website.

Reading program for teens

Pima County Public Library also has summer reading programs for teens. The program, called "**Rock a Book**," is open to teens 12 to 18 years old or those in the sixth through 12th grades. They can read on their own, read to one another, or be read to and earn coupons for local businesses, an Adventure Pass and other theme-related prizes.

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Teens receive prizes and gift coupons for every 10 hours read. Prizes include a \$10 gift certificate to Bookmans certificate and a backstage pass to the “Rock a Book” Band finale, where they can party with performing bands in the Main Library’s Garage. Teens can register online at www.library.pima.gov or drop by their neighborhood library for additional details.

Read all about it at your library this summer.

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