

**State Librarian's Report**



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Summer Reading programs have long been a staple of public library programming. Many years ago, summer reading was a simple means of giving children something to do in the long summer months. It could be as basic as a piece of notebook paper listing titles read. And, when a certain number of books were read, you were done. There was usually a small prize at the end, sometimes even a party.

Summer reading programs have changed over the years, although they remain a primary focus of most public libraries' summer and children's programming. Now they usually have a theme, artwork, and standardized forms to keep track of books read. There are speakers, programs, and activities throughout the summer and many public libraries find community sponsors to help them cover summer reading costs.

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**Make a Splash Everywhere with the**

All around Ohio, kids are about to "Make a Splash – Read!" at their libraries' Summer Reading Programs. But it's not just here. If your family vacations in North Carolina, or Maine, or Oregon, your kids will be delighted to see the same summer program at their destination library as at their home library. Across the USA, library patrons will enjoy the Summer Reading themes "Make a Splash – Read!" (for children), "Make Waves at Your Library" (for teens), and "Water Your Mind – Read" (for adults). [more...](#)



**Adult Summer Reading at Findlay Hancock County Public Library**

An adult summer reading program is not new here at the Findlay Hancock County Public Library. Reading fun for adults has been part of our summer time activities since about 1993. From the beginning, the reason for adding an adult SR has been to include all ages in the summer reading program and to remind adults that they set the example for our younger readers. (Another good reason: Why should the kids have all the fun?) [more...](#)

**Paws to Read at Swanton Public Library**



As part of our summer reading program, Swanton Public Library participates in Paws to Read, which features the winning combination of children, books, and dogs. Started the same year "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" was the summer theme, the program was such a success that we've kept it going every summer since. [more...](#)

**Summer Reading at Harris-Elmore Public Library**

At Elmore, we will be running our SRP from June 7 - July 31. As in the past, those children who read 500 minutes during the program will receive a T-shirt from our local insurance company. They will also receive small incentives for every 100 minutes they read.



Extra large Ellison fish shapes will be hung throughout the library with each child's name on them as they register for the program, with an additional shape for every 100 minutes they read. [more...](#)



**Collaborative Summer Opportunities from ODNR**

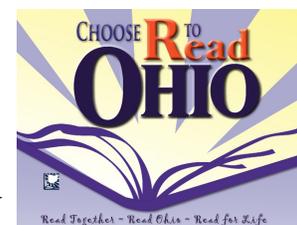
In an exciting summer development for children (and teens, and grown-ups!) statewide, the State Library of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) are partnering to promote the 2010 Summer Reading Program, "Make a Splash – Read!" and Explore the Outdoors, a program designed to help children reconnect with their natural world. [more...](#)



The idea for the Common Reading Experience at Bowling Green State University was born eleven years ago as the result of several employees from student affairs and academic affairs brainstorming ways to create a unifying experience for incoming first year students. It was important that this experience have an academic flavor that would provide an opportunity to explore diverse ideas and generate rich discussion. [more...](#)

**Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) is one year old and going strong!**

The 2009-10 CTRO booklist, which debuted at the 2009 Ohioana Book Festival, spotlights 15 great books for children, teens and adults. The 2011 CTRO booklist will be announced at the 2010 Ohioana Book Festival on Saturday, May 8. A highlight of the festival will be a panel of CTRO authors discussing their work and the importance of reading. [more...](#)



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