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## San Jose Summer Reading Celebration Takes a Green Approach

### *Online Registration and Record Keeping Reduces Paper Waste and Facilitates Remote Participation*

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — Sign-ups for summer reading kick off on **Saturday, June 13** at all branches of the San José Public Library and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. This year's streamlined program brings changes that will ease participation and eliminate the need to keep track of paper logs.

A new process of online registration will enable those with home Internet access to sign up remotely using home computers, thereby avoiding first day wait lines. Participants create online personal accounts with which to record progress. Those who prefer have the option to participate entirely from home, making use of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks. Participants without home Internet access will be able to register in person and record progress using library computers. Only the books read or listened to from **June 13 through August 8** will count toward program requirements. Groups such as daycare may set up an account to track their summer reading; however prizes are restricted to participants who register as individuals.

Youth participants will set their own reading goals. Those who reach their goals will receive a free book and a discount pizza coupon.

Adult participants do not have reading goals, but are encouraged to post a short review of each book they read. Those who do so become eligible for prize drawings held every two weeks.

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Recording progress online and the availability of eBooks makes it possible to participate from remote locations using Internet access, even while traveling out of town.

Each year's Summer Reading Celebration adopts a theme to set the tone for related programs and activities. Whether you want to "Be Creative" (ages birth through grade five), "Express Yourself" (grades six through 12) or "Master the Art of Reading" (adults, 18+), the message is the same—reading is relaxing, affordable (because it's free) and fun.

Summer often brings more free time for everyone. Check out some of the free programs and activities offered at libraries throughout San Jose. For more information, visit [SJLibrary.org](http://SJLibrary.org), contact your neighborhood library or call King Library Youth Services at (408) 808-2183.

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