



The Worcester Public Library was out of this world with "A Universe of Stories" 2019 Summer Reading.

Summer Reading Overview

For the 2019 Summer Reading season, the Worcester Public Library focused on space, STEM, and sci-fi for all ages! We blasted-off with celebrations at every location, which included fun outer space programs, reading, and lively activities. Participants loved this year's "A Universe of Stories" theme, and were excited to see how literacy and STEM go hand in hand.

As an extra incentive, participants were eligible for prizes for reading and participating in programs and challenges. In keeping with the theme, the prizes were space and book themed. All ages were able to sign up and earn rewards.

2019 Statistics

- 2,044 total registrations
- 681,165 minutes read by children and teens
- 3,052 books read by adults
- 409 programs offered
- 4,794 total program attendance
- 799 book reviews written
- 1,548 activities completed
- \$955.34 worth of fines read away
- 40 cards unblocked



Summer Reading Highlights

Reading during the summer months is important for all of our patrons, from young learners, to teens, and adults. It benefits their academic achievement, and helps prevent the summer learning loss (summer slide) of academic progress. Summer Reading encourages patrons to select reading materials of their choice, which helps instill a love of reading for fun and recreation.

Children and teens read a combined 681,165 minutes this summer, and adults read 3,052 books, while participation levels reached an all time high. Special guests this year included the Aldrich Astronomical Society, David Clark Company, Mad Science, and Technocopia.

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