



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Summer Reading 2020 -- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

WHAT:

The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is inviting all youth to “Imagine your story!” Summer Reading is definitely not the same this year, but one thing that is the same is that we all still love to read! For this summer, children and teens are offered two chances to log 10 hours of reading in June and July.

There will be separate incentives and prize drawings for both months. The children’s program is for babies through kids going into 5th grade. The teen program is for youth going into 6th grade through 12th grade. Both reading challenges are available through Beanstack, the Library’s online reading application, or by submitting a paper log accessible from the Library’s web site. Completion of the Library’s reading challenges also qualifies children and teens to receive the Bank of ND College Save Reading Champion award.

Programming for children and teens will be a mix of virtual and outdoor programming in June and July. Miss Sparkles will hold 3 virtual storytimes each week in addition to 3 outdoor family storytimes at local parks. Little Songbirds will continue virtually on Thursday evenings. Be sure to follow Miss Sparkles on Facebook on her page, “Miss Sparkles at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.” A special week-long virtual summer reading kickoff featuring libraries from around the state will occur June 1-June 5, hosted by the ND State Library.

Also again this summer, the Library will be participating in Bank of North Dakota’s “College SAVE Summer Reading Champions.” Every North Dakota youth who completes their library’s summer reading challenge will receive either a \$25 contribution into a new College SAVE account or a \$10 contribution into an existing College SAVE account when their gift certificate is redeemed. You can find more information at www.collegesave4u.com/home/champions.html.

Details about the summer reading challenges and programming opportunities are available on the Library’s web site and Facebook page.

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