

# **2009 Summer Reading Program**

**Theme : Agent 009**

The summer programs started at the end of June and ended on September 4. Firstly, we had the summer reading program for the children. We had 116 participants who returned reading tickets. These 116 readers is an increase of 171% over 2008 and 258% over 2007. The total number of books read was 3167 and is an increase of 186% over the previous summer.

At the time of registration, the participants received material provided by TD Bank and Library and Archives Canada, as well as a book bag which we had created out of an old t-shirt. Once a week, participants received small prizes during their visits to the library.

The wind-up for the program was held on Friday, September 11. The invitation had been sent to all participants who had returned reading tickets. Given the large number of persons present for the evening and the lack of space in the library, we had to use the gymnasium for the distribution of prizes. We estimate that approximately 85 of the 116 participants were present, many accompanied by their parents. We had an english story read by Rachelle Ouellet and a french story read by Nicole Dizengremel. Thank you to both ladies for their contribution to the evening. Following the distribution of prizes, a light snack was offered to the participants and their accompanying parents.

Story time sessions were also offered on seven occasions over the summer. An english and a french story was read on each occasion. After each story, the children were invited to participate in activities of sidewalk chalk drawing and bubblemaking. A light snack of cookies and juice was also available. In total we had 108 participants, with an average of 15.5 per session.

Congratulations to all the participants in this year's summer programs. Reading has made you a winner.