

2011 Summer Reading Program

Children from 0 to 18 years had been invited to participate in the 2011 Summer Reading Program at Bibliothèque Saint-Joachim Library. Eighty-two individuals registered for the program which included crafts and small prizes throughout the summer, and French and English story times, a small snack and games every Wednesday morning. Children were encouraged to fill out tickets for every book read. The totals were tallied and by the end of the summer, 58 of the participants had returned 1469 reading tickets. This is down from previous years, but parents admit to not having been as vigilant in filling out the tickets with their children. This was probably due to the beautiful weather we had over the summer and that is quite understandable. Enjoying the magnificent weather was also important as many of the participants had never witnessed an incredible summer such as the one we had this year.

The wind up celebrations for the 2011 program took place on August 25. The participants and their parents had been invited to a noontime BBQ and approximately 75 people attended. Hot dogs, snacks, vegetables, juice, ice cream and cookies were served to all. The weather cooperated again and we were able to enjoy the beautiful temperatures that day. Following the BBQ, the participants were invited into the library and were able to choose a prize according to the number of books each had read. Everyone received a prize, and most seemed quite pleased to be able to walk away with a token for the effort they had made to read as many books as possible over the summer. A goody bag was also distributed to all the participants.

The prizes were made available by sponsors from our community and the surrounding ones. We wish to thank the following businesses which provided either prizes, coupons or gifts for the goody bags, or money permitting us to purchase prizes :

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We thank these businesses for investing in our youth by encouraging them to read over the summer. Research indicates that when children read over the summer they are able to maintain or improve their level of reading. This is the aim of this Summer Reading Program which is sponsored yearly by TD Bank and Library and Archives Canada. We hope to have been able to make reading a fun time for children.

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