

2014 Summer Reading Program

Children between the ages of 0 and 18 had been invited to participate in the Summer Reading Program at Bibliothèque Saint-Joachim Library. One hundred and fifty-five children registered for the program which consisted of crafts and sciences each week, and an English and French story time and outside games every Wednesday morning. Also, this year we had added face painting and magic to our list of activities.

We asked the children to fill out a reading ticket for each book they read. By the end of the summer, 97 participants had read the minimum number of books required to be eligible for a prize and 4255 tickets had been returned in all.

We thank the following sponsors from the community and surrounding area for their contribution to make possible the distribution of prizes to the participants. Thank you to these businesses who supplied prizes, coupons or gifts for the goody bags, or a sum of money with which we were able to purchase prizes.

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Le bon ami

The participants had been given a challenge. We had committed to supplying an extra prize for every 100 books they read over the 2780 books they had read last summer. Our readers rose up to the challenge and we handed out 14 extra prizes consisting of \$10 and \$25 gift certificates.

Thank you to the businesses who invested in our youth by encouraging them to read over the summer. Research states that children who read over the summer are able to maintain or improve their reading level. This is the goal of the Summer Reading Program which is sponsored every year by **TD Bank** and **Library and Archives Canada**. We hope that we have been able to make reading a good hobby for your children.

All in all, it was a great summer at the library. Circulation was up 134% over last summer, and 66 new members registered over the course of the summer months.

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