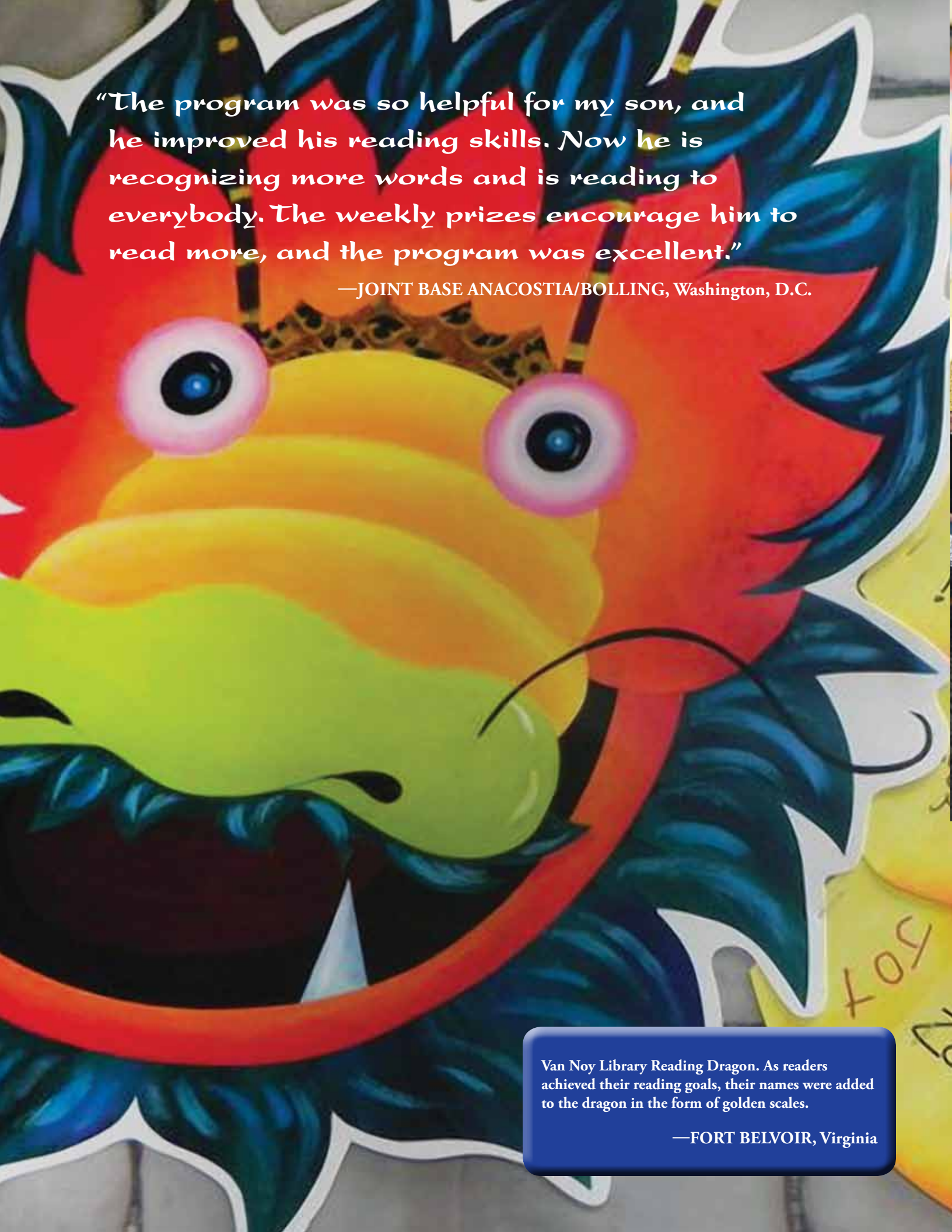


2011 DoD MWR Libraries Summer Reading Program

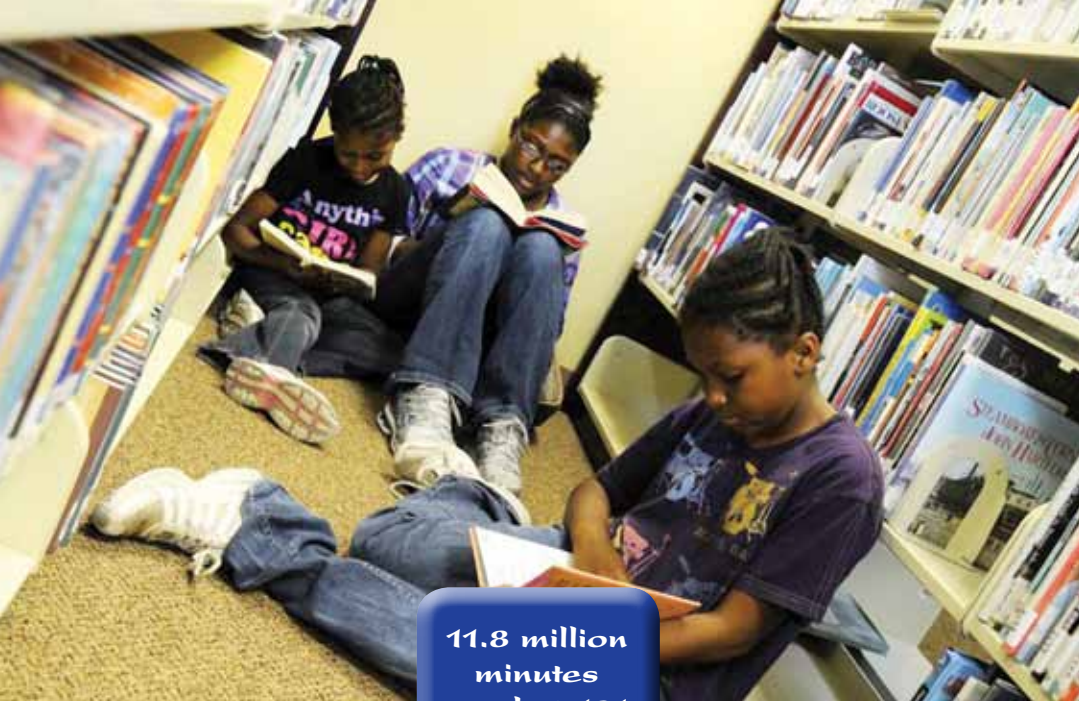


"The program was so helpful for my son, and he improved his reading skills. Now he is recognizing more words and is reading to everybody. The weekly prizes encourage him to read more, and the program was excellent."

—JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA/BOLLING, Washington, D.C.

Van Noy Library Reading Dragon. As readers achieved their reading goals, their names were added to the dragon in the form of golden scales.

—FORT BELVOIR, Virginia



**11.8 million
minutes
read at 181
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2011 Summary

Developing readers and supporting lifelong learning are central to the MWR Library mission and to our goal of enriching the lives of our servicemen and women and their families.

The Department of Defense-wide coordinated Summer Reading Program (SRP) is a centerpiece of MWR Library activities. In collaboration with iREAD, we are ensuring librarians have shared professional resources so that families have access to high-quality programming that is consistent from base to base. The response to this initiative has been very positive. Participation is growing, media coverage is positive and prolific, and families are praising the program and staff.

Bases and installations worldwide participated, and activities ranged from "dragonology" to medieval story times to jester hat-making craft projects. In 2011, nearly 62,400 children, teens, and adults took part in the program and combined to clock 11.8 million minutes spent reading. This reflects a 400% increase in participation when compared to the first DoD-wide SRP in 2010.



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Enduring Benefits

Research spanning decades shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Of even greater concern, summer reading loss is cumulative. Children don't "catch up" in fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skills. Summer reading programs can help.

Recent national research from Dominican University finds students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate.

Parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well-prepared for school in the fall and read more confidently. Free, voluntary reading is essential to helping students become better readers, writers, and spellers.

According to Education Secretary Arne Duncan, "A key step toward stopping the summer slide is the development and launch of high-quality programs that take advantage of time outside of the school day and year to help children learn, grow and develop."



<http://www.ila.org/dodsumread/>



"The Summer Program is the perfect opportunity for me to share my love of reading with my children. And, it's a way to stop summer Brain Drain."

—ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE,
Oklahoma

"The kids' summer reading program is wonderful. Our daughter is very excited to get her books read and then bugs me all week to go to the library and print her log to get her prize all so she can read more books. Thank you for such a great program."

—CHERRY POINT MARINE AIR
STATION, North Carolina

Family Time

At the Army's Fort Wainwright Library, one family called the summer reading program a "lifesaver." They had just moved to the area and were in temporary housing much of the summer. The family came to the Library every day to read and participated in all the events. The children, ages 10 and 12, enjoyed the activities, particularly "hippity hop jousting."



"It was a wonderful time as a family."



"We are having lots of fun, and we are thrilled with the turnout. Also, we have 112 patrons logging books read (and they especially love writing reviews!)."

**—NAVAL AIR STATION
SIGONELLA, Italy**



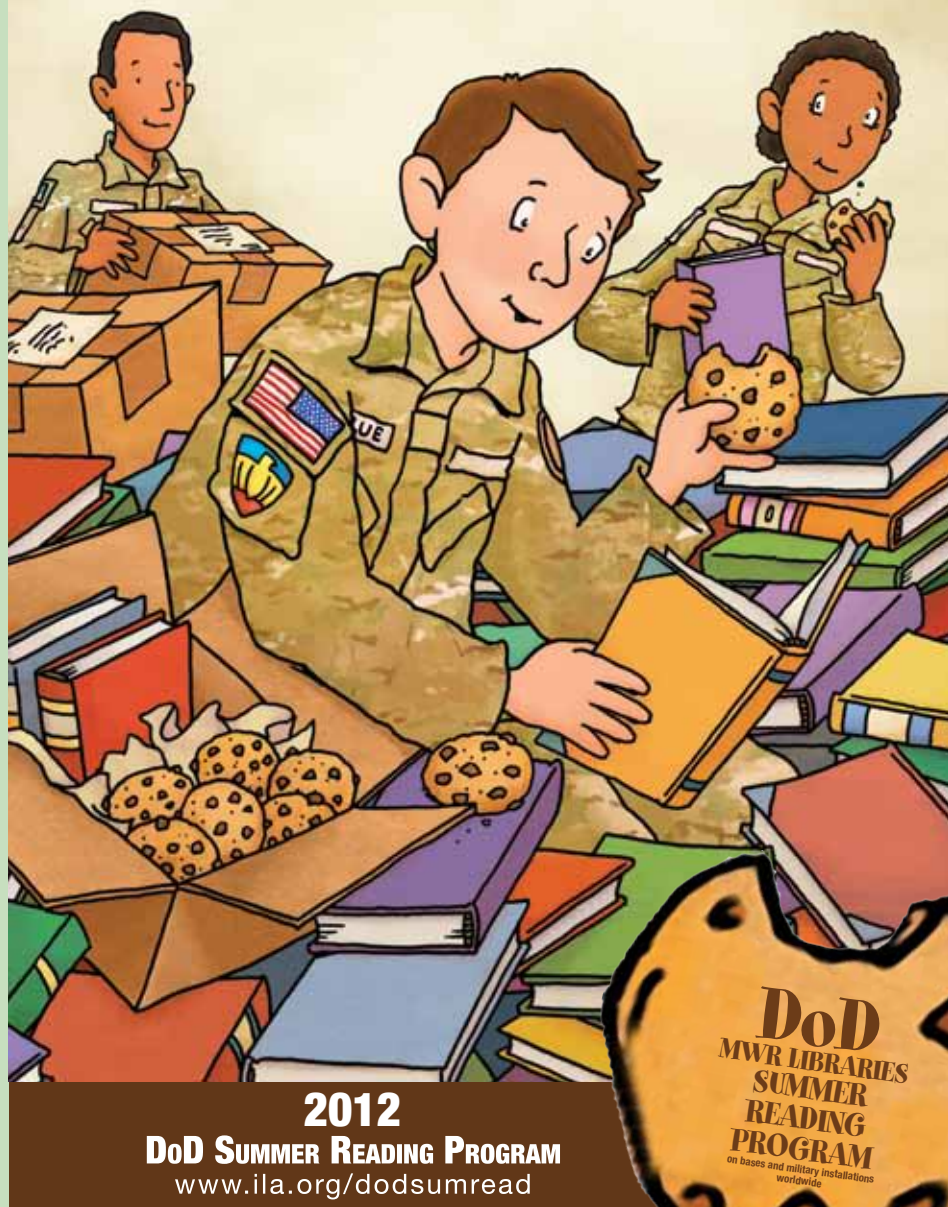
"This summer encouraged my 5-year-old to read every night. She read her first chapter book and advanced her reading level by an entire grade!"



A tangible achievement: At the end of summer, the Van Noy Library Reading Dragon wall was completely filled!

Coming Next Summer !!!

Reading Is So Delicious!



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