

Paws to Read!



2014 DoD·MWR
Summer Reading Annual Report

Overview



2014 DoD-MWR Summer Reading Program Totals

311,184 books read

3,342,978 pages read

18,687,976 minutes read*

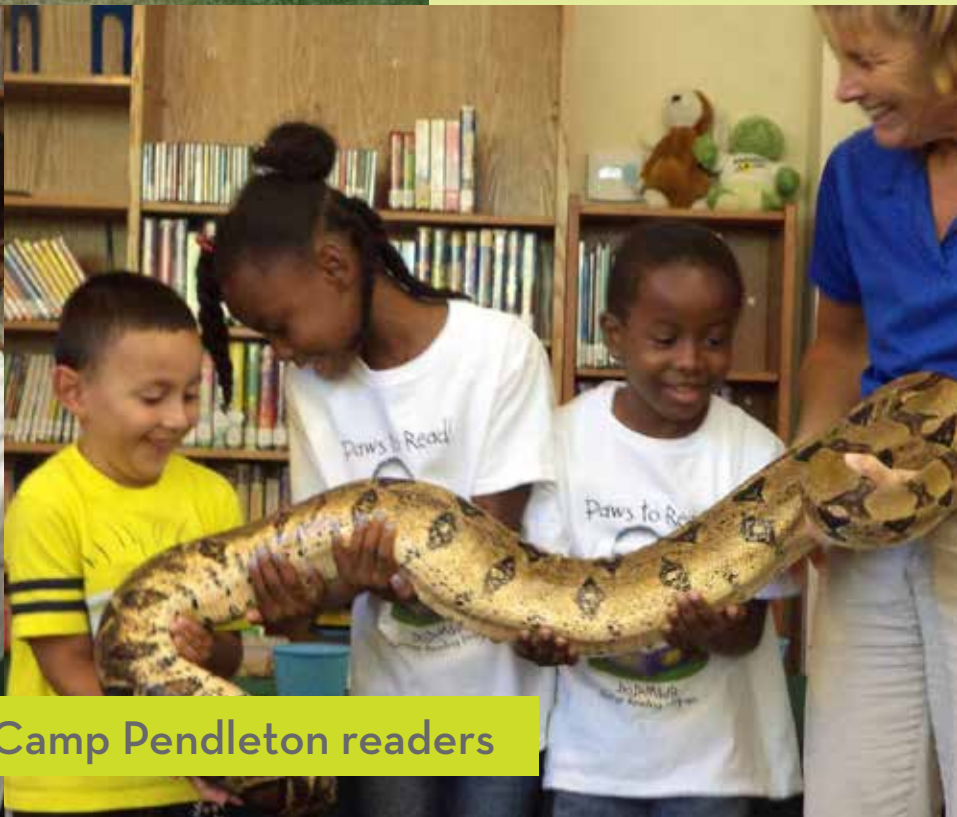
*THE EQUIVALENT OF 35 AND A HALF YEARS





Joint Base Andrews

Staff Sgt. Christopher Rutkowski tells a crowd of Team Andrews members about the 11th Wing Security Support Squadron's Military Working Dog mission at the library at Joint Base Andrews, Md., July 23, 2014. The library hosted the MWD demonstration as part of its "Paws to Read" summer reading program. Rutkowski is an 11th SSPTS MWD trainer. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Torey Griffith)



A big surprise for some Camp Pendleton readers



Summer Reading Success

“Intuitively, most people understand that if children read in the summer, they don’t slide back in the fall,” says Steven V. Potter, director and CEO of Mid-Continent Public Library, which conducted a pilot study of summer reading impacts in 2012-2013. “What we discovered is that not only does summer reading guard against summer slide, it actually increases achievement.”

Summer reading success is measured in a variety of ways. Most importantly for children and teens, it has to be fun and engaging. Summer, after all, is a break from school—not a continuation of it. Libraries have always been a place that have encouraged youth to read “for the fun of it,” knowing that this reading builds a foundation for a reading habit that can last a lifetime and also support educational achievement. A successful summer reading program brings together books, of course, but also hands-on activities and special events that make reading an event.



Naval Base Guam

The MWR Libraries Summer Reading Program also makes reading a family affair. Parents reading aloud to our youngest toddlers to making time for everyone to read and talk about books set the stage for lifelong learning. The 2014 theme of “Paws to Read” brought in another member of many families—their pets. In fact, pets can help some students have better reading outcomes, according to a 2011 Tufts University study as many children feel more comfortable reading aloud to a pet than doing so with humans.

Parents and librarians know that all this fun and engagement with stories and crafts also directly impacts school readiness. Decades of studies have detailed the “summer slide” in which teachers often start the school year “catching up” on material forgotten over the summer months. Emerging research goes further in suggesting that successful library summer reading programs do more than cement gains—they actually extend them. This is especially true for “at risk” students that may struggle with academic subjects.

ABCs of Improved Reading

A

Access to books.

B

Books that match readers’ abilities and interests.

C

Comprehension, as monitored by an adult.

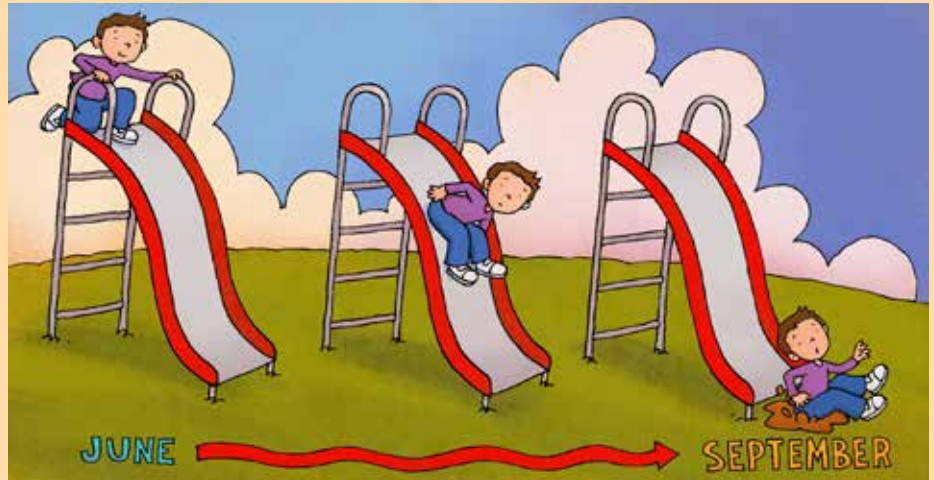


Peterson Air Force Base

Why Summer Reading is Important

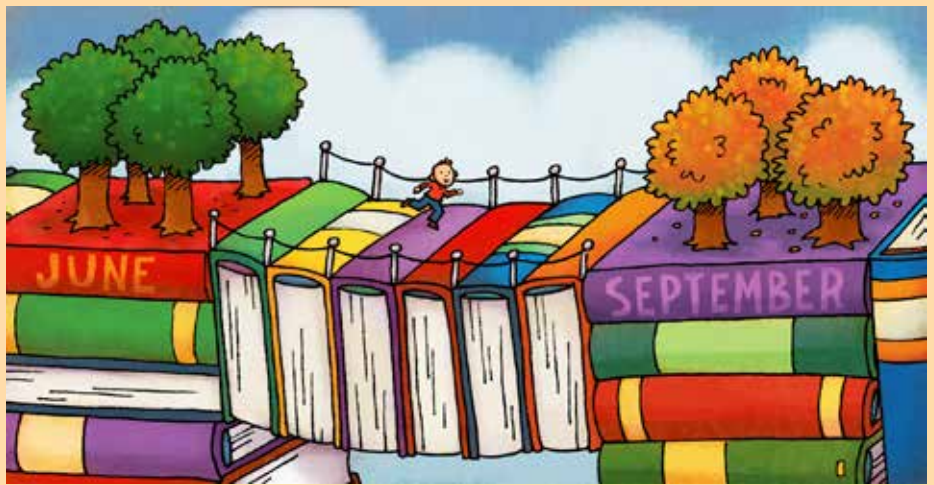
Prevent “Summer Slide”

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall.



Build a Bridge

Children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading AND math when they return to school.



Summer Reading Facts

- **The benefits of summer reading are clear.** National research from Dominican University finds that 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.
- **Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer.** Research spanning 100 years 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. Libraries are part of the solution.
- **To succeed in school and life,** children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Summer Reading Club reminds kids that reading is for fun—as well as for learning.
- **There's so much to see, so much to do at your library!** There's no better place to take your kids. The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun...a place the whole family can enjoy. In fact, more than 82 million children attend library programs every year.
- **Studies show** that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.
- **The amount of time children spend reading** outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement. Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement.

Quotes

"People had been waiting with great anticipation. They start asking (about the summer reading program) as early as March."

***—Ft. Leonard Wood Clarke Library (Army)
Missouri***

"It's amazing how many children exceed (500 minutes of reading). I always ask them if they have done any chores this week because of how many minutes I see they have read."

***—Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Library (Air Force/Army)
Alaska***

"What a doggone delightful day we had! Lance and Otto—Great Dane brothers—shared the celebrity spotlight with their humans, 21 FSS Commander Major Schlichenmaier and her family. The parking lots were full and attendees overflowed into the main Library. Otto and Lance were a definite hit."

***—Peterson AFB Library (Air Force)
Colorado***

"To the ladies that were in there today for the craft session, bravo! We did the summer reading last year, and had such a great time that we are back this year. Both of my kids made several crafts, and were happy with their time spent at the library today. Everyone was helpful, kind and looked like they were having fun. Kudos to them!"

***—Ft. Leonard Wood Clarke Library (Army)
Missouri***

"Spangdahlem Library hosted a kick-off party and more than 300 individuals attended—and crashed the facility WiFi trying to get folks registered for the program!"

***—Spangdahlem Air Base, (Air Force)
Germany***

"We came in and adopted a (stuffed) pet this week. We got Hank the giraffe. This has been the best part of the reading program. Such a cute idea! My kids trade off which night Hank sleeps with them. Thank you all for making this such a fun summer reading program and the best library we have ever been to!"

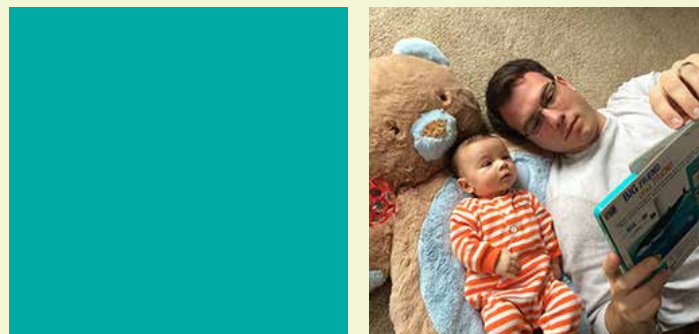
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Alaska***

"Our pets love story time anyway because they get to lie on our laps and get a nice petting while they listen to a story with our family."

***—Peterson AFB Library (Air Force)
Colorado***





*"Outside of a dog,
a book is a man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."*
—Groucho Marx



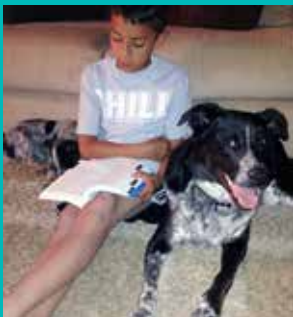
*"There are many
little ways to
enlarge your
child's world. Love
of books is the
best of all."*
—Jacqueline
Kennedy
Onassis



U.S. Air Force photo by Rebecca Amber



Air Force



Peterson AFB, left to right:
Marcelo reads to Nano (right)
and Nova (puppy on left).
Matt reads to his son,
William.
Micha reads "Prairie Dogs
(Nature's Children)" to
Butterball.

Peterson Air Force Base

Peterson AFB reported "terrific success" with 753 registrants reading more than 6,300 books—a substantial increase over 2013. The *Paws to Read* theme inspired participation from our furry, four-legged companions, who shared books with their favorite family members and friends. Program sponsors also volunteered as guest readers, including Chick-fil-A, Ent Federal Credit Union, our young representatives from Banning Lewis Ranch Academy, Abagayle and Markel (accompanied by the University of Phoenix representative), and Miss Wendy of Wendy's of Colorado Springs.



Spangdahlem Air Force Base

The Spangdahlem Library crashed its WiFi network when more than 300 people tried to register for the program at its kick-off party. (Library staff made sure everyone was able to get registered!) The kick-off event featured games, crafts, face painting, story-book corner, book swap and special guests, Sparky the Fire Dog and Spiderman. Collaborative event partners included staff and volunteers from the Community Center, School Age Care Program, Fire Department, 52FW Diversity Committee, and the 606 Air Control Squadron.

Spangdahlem AFB, left to right:
Children meet with Rocky, a Red
Cross Morale Dog, in the library at
Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany,
July 31, 2014. The Red Cross dogs
help the Chaplain Corps by meeting
with people who suffer from traumatic
events or feel stressed. The Red Cross
Dogs aim to reduce stress and increase
morale in the community.

Sparky the Fire Dog hugs a child while
visiting School Age Program Oct. 9,
2013. Sparky met with children during
fire prevention week to remind kids
what to do in case of a fire. (U.S. Air
Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kyle
Gese)

Scott Air Force Base



Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

JBER library enlists service dogs, ferrets for a “Paws to Read” activity day

by Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer, JBER Public Affairs

6/17/2014 - JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska— For the past five years, the Department of Defense has been encouraging children, teens and adults to read during the summer through the iREAD Program at base libraries.

The initiative endeavors to create resource guides and animal-themed materials and activities to provide a way to keep up with children’s literacy through the summer.

Participants can log their reading hours when they sign up for the summer reading program on the DoD website or through the JBER Consolidated Library’s website.

“This year’s theme is ‘Paws to Read’ and during the six-week period, the readers will be reading books that are animal-themed,” said Marcia Lee, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson librarian.

During these six weeks, the library will host events for the participants of the program, such as craft projects, reading sessions and animal presentations.

“They will also be receiving a take-home craft when they sign up,” Lee said. “It’s a time for families to do a little crafting together.”

The program breaks up into three categories. The first is for younger children at an age when they can be read to or they can read to a parent. The next category is for the pre-teens and teenagers, and the third is for adults.

“All of the categories are age-appropriate,” Lee said.

“To keep track of how many books the children read, we give parents a bookmark with four Paws to Read logos on it and we punch the logos out when the parents tell us their children have read four books,” Lee said.

For adults to receive incentives at the end of the six weeks, they must read at least three books, but there is no upper limit.

“The children’s incentives are by the minutes they read (or are read to), up to 500 minutes,” Lee said. “It’s amazing how many children exceed that amount of time. I always ask them if they have done any chores this week because of how many minutes I see they have read.”

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By reading four books, children and teens earn a free game of bowling at Polar Bowl.

At the end of the six-week program, the library submits the top three readers, one in each age group, to Air Force Libraries in San Antonio, where a name will be drawn for a grand prize.

“My philosophy is that I don’t like to call them prizes,” Lee said. “They are incentives to encourage children, and all of us, to read and to learn and develop a curiosity through reading.”

Source: <http://military-online.blogspot.com/2014/06/jber-library-enlists-service-dogs.html>



Children pet a ferret during one of the ‘Paws to Read’ events at the Consolidated Library on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 5, 2014. Staff members read stories about ferrets and service dogs that were present at the event, which children could see and touch. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer)



Children wait in line to pet a service dog during one of the ‘Paws to Read’ events at the Consolidated Library on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 5, 2014. Children were allowed to touch the service dog only after using a hand gesture the dog would understand to not be a threat. This is the fifth year the library has hosted the Summer Reading Program on JBER. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer)



Children start an art project during one of the ‘Paws to Read’ events at the Consolidated Library on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 5, 2014. The art project was to make an animal with a Styrofoam cup, yarn and cardboard. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Tammie Ramsouer)

RAF Mildenhall, England



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Nicole Strauss, 48th Contracting Squadron contract specialist from Philadelphia, speaks to children about the Pets Enriching Troops program. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Victoria H. Taylor)



Alex Holcomb, 5, son of Lt. Col. Jason Holcomb, 100th Comptroller Squadron commander, visits with Striker, a one-year-old Dalmatian and therapy dog for Pets Enriching Troops Aug. 6, 2014, on RAF Mildenhall, England. The PET program provides knowledge and resources which benefit service members and their pets. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Victoria H. Taylor)

RAF Mildenhall, England



Syn, a family pet belonging to a Team Mildenhall member, rests his head on a Team Mildenhall child during a "Paws to Read" pet parade and costume contest Aug. 13, 2014, at the library on RAF Mildenhall, England. The children met dogs and walked with them, then enjoyed pizza and prizes. (U.S. Air Force photo/Gina Randall)



A Team Mildenhall child takes part in a "Paws to Read" pet parade and costume contest Aug. 13, 2014, at the library on RAF Mildenhall, England. The girl walked her own model dog during the parade and organizers encouraged all guests to bring a real pet or a stuffed animal for the parade. (U.S. Air Force photo/Gina Randall)

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Christopher Gerwick, right, 100th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department assistant chief of operations from Eaglewood, Ohio, and his wife, Shannon, left, lead their dog, Reece, during a "Paws to Read" pet parade and costume contest Aug. 13, 2014, at the library on RAF Mildenhall, England. Organizers encouraged guests to bring a real pet or a stuffed animal for the parade. (U.S. Air Force photo/Gina Randall)



Juliana Patron, 9, daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Jonnell Patron, 48th Medical Squadron superintendent, pets Striker and Airi, both one-year-old Dalmatians and therapy dogs for Pets Enriching Troops. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Victoria H. Taylor)

Army

Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood's Clarke Library surpassed its total 2013 registration (455) within just a few weeks in June 2014. At the end of the first month, the library registered 522 children, teens and adults, plus 53 animals! The human readers logged more than 4,300 books in that month's time.

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'Paws' encourages year-round reading

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CAMP HUMPHREYS — There are many activities that children can get involved in during the summer, but one of these programs here seeks to improve children's minds.

The Camp Humphreys SFC Ray E. Duke Library concluded its "Paws to Read" program Aug. 12.

"Paws to Read was our summer reading program theme for this year," said Natasha Campbell. She added that the program focuses on literature including or pertaining to animals.

"Studies have shown that when children continue to read through the summer, they pick right back up where they left off," she said. "Their test scores either improve right away or they, at the least, don't take steps backward. Reading lends to many children's artistic nature, and also helps them be more intellectually sound."

During the entire program, which met weekly, the library provided events to keep

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Fort Rucker

Paws to Read: Center Library kicks off summer reading program

By Sara E. Martin, Army Flier Staff Writer

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (June 13, 2014)—There are many summer sports activities that children can get involved in before school begins in the fall, but one program on post seeks to improve children's minds.

The Center Library kicked off its Paws to Read program June 9 with juice, cake and a trick dog performance by Lucky Dog Sporting Group from Ashford.

"Paws to Read is our summer reading program theme for this year. We are really excited to get children reading during the summer and we are looking forward to rewarding their progress," said Jodi Wilcox, Center Library systems technician and children's coordinator.

Registration ends June 20 for the free summer reading program, which ends July 18.

The program is geared towards kindergartners through eighth grade, but Wilcox said if a younger child is on a higher reading level they are welcome to join.

Children are allowed to check out as many books as they would like for up to three weeks, said Wilcox. The children will keep up with a time reading log, and when they reach each reading log milestone they will get a prize such as mugs, shirts, cow poppers and more.

"Studies have shown that when children continue to read through the summer, they pick right back up where they left off in May," she said. "And their test scores either improve right away or they, at the least, don't take steps backwards."

Wilcox said that parents can get in on the action, as well, by reading to their children.

"When parents read to their children it creates a personal connection and strengthens their relationship. Plus, when children see their parents enjoying reading that encourages them to read as well," she said. "The passion to read as children helps them think out of the box and be more creative and use their imaginations more."

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The Lucky Dog Sporting Group performed June 9 at the Center Library as part of the Paws to Read kickoff event at Fort Rucker, Alabama

but also helps them be more intellectually sound.

The library will have a few events during the program to keep children engaged and to encourage them to keep reading.

June 25, a guide dog demonstration with Guide Dogs of America will take place, along with a therapy dog demonstration with Therapy Dogs International at the library from 2-3 p.m. There will also be a chance for children to read with the therapy dogs that afternoon.

July 15, Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc., will come in along with the Alabama Department of Conservation to educate the children on Alabama wildlife, such as alligators, which will be in attendance.

"They will teach the children about what to do if they see a hurt baby bird, and what to do and not to do if they see a wild animal," she said.

Anna Kirkland, Army spouse, said she enrolled her two daughters because she wants to foster their love of reading, and that her family has long looked forward to the program beginning.

"My eldest daughter has a hunger for books that is sometimes hard to keep satisfied," she said. "Reading introduces new places and things to my girls that they might not ever experience firsthand. When you sit around the dinner table and your child tells you about a book they really liked, it's priceless."

Stuffed Animal Sleepover



Army

USAG Wiesbaden

Library treats youths to stories, field trips, more in summer reading program

By Mr. Karl Weisel (IMCOM)

WIESBADEN, Germany (July 30, 2014) - "Did you forget how to read this summer?"

Participants in Wiesbaden Library's "Paws to Read" summer reading program were happy to answer a resounding "No" to Library Director Ann Burski's question July 17. The young readers, in grades first through sixth, were at the library to enjoy a host of activities ranging from arts and crafts to stories and field trips.

"We had 57 sign up for this year's program, but far fewer actually attended," said Burski, explaining that youths who turned out for the weekly Thursday program June 26 to July 24 had fun visiting the Opel Zoo, the Wiesbaden Fire Department and exploring the world of literature available on the library's shelves.

"They kept a book log and kept track of the minutes that they read," said Burski. Those with the highest number of minutes in each age group were recognized with prizes and certificates during a ceremony at the library July 24.

Winners are: First grade Lorelei Sampson, second grade Jamie Dawson, third grade Alina Jackson, fourth grade Brandon Dawson. Kindergartner Noah Smith earned an honorable mention. All received a three-foot-tall stuffed dog and other goodies.

Members of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program pitched in to help make a trip to the nearby Opel Zoo a memorable occasion during the program. "We had five BOSS Soldiers who volunteered to escort and talk about the animals with them," Burski said. "We also purchased sacks of carrots for the children to feed the animals. That was really an exciting trip for them."

More field trips

Like the visit to the dining facility which offered youths an opportunity "to see how people cook for a large group of people," she said, a field trip to the fire department gave the young readers a first-hand look at the job of a firefighter. During the visit July 17 the young potential firemen and women took turns spraying the water hose, climbing in and out of a fire truck and riding in an emergency vehicle on the airfield.



Wiesbaden Library Technician Reginald Stewart reads a book about fire safety to "Paws to Read" participants during the summer reading program.

Wiesbaden military community firefighters Thilo Schleich (left) and Oliver Bach show a young visitor how to handle a fire hose during a visit to the Clay Kaserne Fire Station.



"They also worked on crafts with clay and beads," Burski said.

The Wiesbaden Library director said she was looking forward to having more space for activities and get-togethers next year following a library expansion project. "We're hoping by next summer we'll have more space to do more programming and for people to meet. We want it to be a real community center as well as a library."

With an average of some 300-500 patrons a day, Burski said, gaining additional space will be a welcome enhancement.

She also reminded library users that if they can't find a certain book on the shelves, they are more than welcome to request a title from any of the 19 libraries in the U.S. Army Europe library system. "They can request it online and then it'll be sent here for them to check it out."

Stuffed Animal Adoptions



USAG Yongsan

Col. Michael E. Masley, Yongsan Garrison commander, and Karen Masley interact with children by reading the book, "Hello, Bumblebee Bat," and asking questions about it at the summer reading program kickoff ceremony at the Yongsan, June 14. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Moon Hyungju)



Col. Michael E. Masley, Yongsan Garrison commander, Karen Masley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Henney M. Hodgkins, Garrison command sergeant major, cut the cake with a couple brave volunteers at the summer reading program kickoff ceremony in Yongsan Library, June 14. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Moon Hyungju)

Karen Masley reads a book, "Polar Opposites," to the children while Col. Michael E. Masley, Yongsan Garrison commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Henney M. Hodgkins, Garrison command sergeant major, wait patiently for their turns at the summer reading program kickoff ceremony in Yongsan Library, June 14. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Moon Hyungju)



Marine Corps

2014 MCCS Library Program Summer Reading Program

“Paws to Read” Summary

The MCCS Library Program 2014 Summer Reading Program was held at 13 Main Libraries and 9 Family Branches throughout the USMC. The installation level programs were held from 5 to 8 weeks at the discretion of the Library Director. The Libraries have installation level planning and implementation authority and provide a variety of programs and special events throughout the summer months. Providing a unified Summer Reading Program throughout the DoD has provided tremendous support to library staff and to mobile military families wherever they are stationed.

MCCS Library Directors and programming staff plan a local program that meets the needs of their library patrons. They decide how long to provide this program and if they will offer it to children, teens

and/or adults. They also decide on the requirements to earn the incentives and prizes. Some libraries count the number of minutes or hours read, some count the number of books or pages read and several libraries offered further incentives for book reviews submitted or points earned. They plan a variety of programs for all ages from weekly storytimes, craft programs, Teen programs, special events, Opening Kick-offs and Closing Celebrations. For the fourth year, the MCCS Libraries have had 100% usage of the DoD funded eVanced Online Summer Reader program for registration and reading progress tracking. Many MCCS Libraries also received additional prizes and give-aways provided by their local MCCS Sponsorship office.

MCCS Libraries provided a wide variety of programs, special events, storytimes, book clubs, movies and craft programs. Almost every installation had a Marine Corps Military Working Dogs demonstration. Some examples of creative programming:

Iwakuni

- 🐾 Balloon Animal Extravaganza
- 🐾 Animal Trivia and Scavenger Hunt
- 🐾 Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Cherry Point

- 🐾 “Paws for Treats” Candy Hunt to MCCS facilities on base
- 🐾 “Get Your Paws in the Dirt” Gardening project
- 🐾 “Paws to Paint” Craft Day
- 🐾 “Paws to Game” Teen Gaming Party
- 🐾 Teddy Bear’s Picnic program

MCB LeJeune

- 🐾 Biologist discussing base wildlife and habitats
- 🐾 Stuffed Animal Movie Matinee
- 🐾 Hunger Games Teen program
- 🐾 Super Who Lock-in Teen program
- 🐾 Jeff Jones Magic Show Finale (with New River)

New River

- 🐾 Pet Rock Fashion Show
- 🐾 Batman 75th Birthday Celebration
- 🐾 Visit to Mike’s Farm (with Camp LeJeune)

South Carolina

- 🐾 Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- 🐾 International Therapy Dogs visit and children reading to them
- 🐾 Puppet Shows—“The Tortoise and the Hare” and “The Dog and the Wolf”
- 🐾 Donations collected for the Beaufort Animal Shelter of food, blankets, toys and treats

Yuma

- 🐾 Humane Society of Yuma—Brought dogs and spoke on responsible pet ownership
- 🐾 Toggenburg Goats of Arizona brought a goat and talked about different kinds of goats and things that can be made from goat milk
- 🐾 A Camel Farm brought a 2 year old camel and explained the difference between a one-hump and two-hump camel as well as their care and feeding
- 🐾 Yuma 4-H brought rabbits and guinea pigs that they have raised for the State Fair
- 🐾 Arizona Game and Fish brought a Desert Tortoise

Miramar

- 🐾 “Where the Wild Things Are-Wild Rumpus” event
- 🐾 Humane Society animal show

Hawaii

- 🐾 Creatures of Hawaii animal show
- 🐾 Pet toys and treats craft program
- 🐾 Tails R.E.A.D reading dogs

Camp Lejeune Kick-Off

- 🐾 Pamlico Joe and Clear Water Flow—Music and Storytelling

Pendleton

- 🐾 Camp Pendleton Animal Shelter program
- 🐾 Alia Reese—“My Daddy is a Marine” - Visiting Author program
- 🐾 Live animal shows from The Wildlife Company and The Wild Wonders

Additional installation level sponsorship:

Miramar

- 🐾 12 tickets to Stephen Birch Aquarium
- 🐾 4 Bicycles
- 🐾 4 tickets to Aquatica Water Park

Okinawa

- 🐾 Raz-r Scooters
- 🐾 Snorkeling gear and Body Boards

New River

- 🐾 2 Kindle Fire eReaders

Hawaii

- 🐾 iPad
- 🐾 PlayStation 4
- 🐾 Bicycle
- 🐾 3 \$50 gift cards to the MCX

Cherry Point

- 🐾 \$80 in gift cards to Belk Department Store
- 🐾 \$560 in cash from Navy Mutual, Belk, Allied American University and Atlantic Marine Corps Communities for event refreshments, craft supplies and
- 🐾 Candy for the MCCS Candy Hunt

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms

Kids constructed masks during the arts and crafts portion of the Paws to Read event at the Lifelong Learning Library July 25. The event featured a presentation from Brian Henen, ecologist, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division, about the Combat Center's environment and history.



Brian Henen, ecologist, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Division, teaches kids about the Combat Centers delicate ecosystem during the Paws to Read event at the Lifelong Learning Library July 25. (U.S. Marine Corps photos by Cpl Ali Azimi)

Marine Corps Base Hawaii—Kaneohe Bay



Military working dogs Zeus (left) and Dar (right), bite and hold Officer Christopher Le Febvre, a K-9 handler with the Provost Marshal's Office, during a military working dog demonstration at Dewey Square, June 19, 2014. The dogs are demonstrating controlled aggression while subduing a suspect.

Pedro, a K-9 unit military working dog, chases after Sgt. Justin Ballinger, a K-9 handler from the Provost Marshal's Office during a military working dog demonstration at Dewey Square, June 19, 2014. (U.S. Marine Corps photos by Kristen Wong)



'Paws to Read' brings Combat Center families to K-9 demonstration



Cpl. Paul Kelley, working dog handler, Provost Marshal's Office, explains the different levels of aggression to Combat Center families during a K-9 demonstration for the "Paws to Read" program hosted at the base kennels, July 11, 2014. Photo by Cpl. Charles Santamaria



Chaz, military working dog, leaps up a set of stairs to take a bite at Cpl. Paul Kelley, working dog handler, Provost Marshal's Office, during a K-9 demonstration for the "Paws for Reading" program hosted at the base kennels, July 11, 2014.. Photo by Cpl. Charles Santamaria

Base Camp Lejeune



Navy

Naval Air Station Sigonella



NSF Indian Head



NSWC Dahlgren



Naval Station Everett



Naval Submarine Base New London



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