

READ—FOR THE WIN!



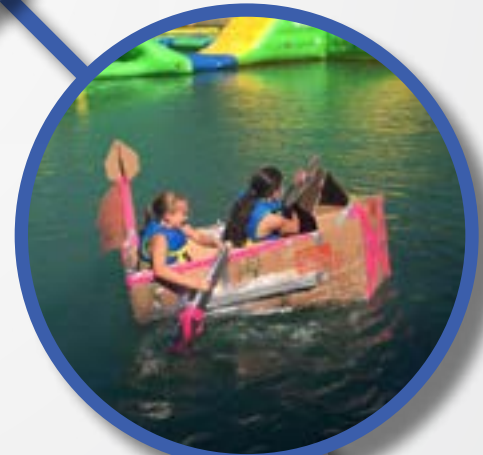
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2016 DoD-MWR Summer Reading Program
ANNUAL REPORT

READ—FOR THE WIN! OVERVIEW

2016 DoD-MWR total:

**38,283,048
minutes read.**

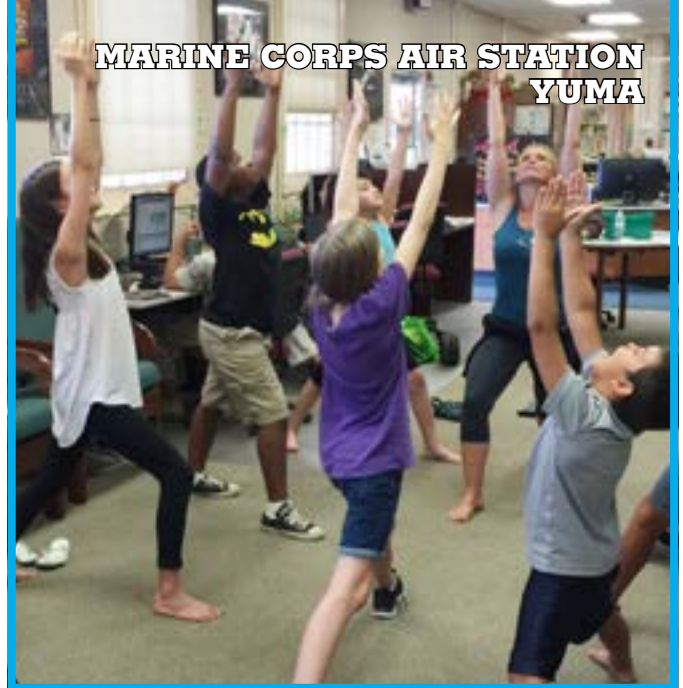
**The equivalent of
72.8 years!**

Every reader a winner!



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The 2016 DoD-MWR Summer Reading Program theme *Read-For the Win!* coincided with the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro—providing a great opportunity for MWR libraries to encourage readers to exercise their minds *and* their bodies through storytime, sports, and creative play. Just as Olympians aspire to achieve greatness, to set goals and accomplish them, despite obstacles that may stand in their way, our libraries inspire readers to continue reading and learning throughout the summer—and over a lifetime.



DoD-MWR Summer Reading Makes a Difference

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.

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.

Parents of children enrolled in summer reading programs

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.

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.

To succeed in school and life,

children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. The DoD-MWR Summer Reading Program reminds kids that reading is for fun—as well as for 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.



FORT BLISS





Tyndall Air Force Base



Summer reading programs are an excellent vehicle for students to avoid losing what they learned throughout the school year. Young readers can maintain their reading proficiency and practice their reading skills acquired during the school year, all within a fun and relaxed framework that doesn't feel like work.

—Liana Vargas, 325th Force Support Squadron library technician.

Bailey Tetrault and Liana Vargas display the 2016 Summer Reading Program poster at the Tyndall Air Force Base Library, June 15, 2016. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Cody R. Miller/Released)



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HURLBURT FIELD



MINOT AIR FORCE BASE



Fort Riley

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I think it's awesome. I remember participating in something like this when I was a kid. It's nice to be able to crack a book open and learn a little something over the summer.

—Fort Riley Staff Sgt. Joseph Stroud, president of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)



Fort Buchanan



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DoD-MWR Summer Reading:

- Promotes summer learning
- Improves school performance in the fall
- Develops a love of reading
- Creates fun family time
- Builds community

US ARMY GARRISON HOHENFELS



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US ARMY GARRISON STUTTGART



US ARMY GARRISON GRAFENWOEHR





High school student Ty Hacking explains the sport of lacrosse to kids participating in the 2016 Summer Reading Program "Read for the Win". (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Jin Sang-woo)

At the library's closing event, retired Marine Maj. Lee Taylor emphasized the theme by recalling several famous sports icons: "They were great but they read about, were inspired by and learned from the greats through reading. The more they read, the more they learned and the more determined they became to be better than those who came before them."

Taylor advised young readers: "Reading will help you determine what you want to be when you grow up. Start early and perfect over time, you will be the best when it is your time. But you must read for the win."

Juan Gaytan, a retired Marine, enrolled three daughters in the reading program. "I want to motivate them to read. This will help them with their studies, when they reach high school and college later in life. Education is very important."

Gaytan's oldest daughter said she is glad her parents encouraged her to read. "Once we go back to school, we will be one of the highest readers because we read during the summer," she said.



Marine Major Lee Taylor (retired) addresses participants in the 2016 DoD-MWR Summer Reading Program "Read-For the Win".



Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort



"We planned a wonderful program for kids to make the library a great place to read, learn, and discover what is available for their enjoyment. Not only are the events fun for the whole family, it is a great way to meet new friends and connect.

—MCAS Beaufort Librarian Rose Krauss



(Left) The Marine Corps Community Services Library began a summer reading program aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort on June 6, 2016. The library staff held a range of free activities for children, teens, and adults in the Fightertown community to encourage and support summer reading. (Photo credit: Sgt. Dengrier M Baez)

Camp Lejeune



Sarah Bartlett, an intern from Hammocks Beach State Park talks to the Camp Lejeune youngsters about sea turtles. (Photographer: Sean Pittman)

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar



Camp Pendleton





Navy Veteran and iREAD Summer Reading Illustrator Frank Remkiewicz Previews 2016 *Read-For the Win!* Poster Art Aboard the USS KIDD (DD-661)

A preview of the poster art celebrating the upcoming iREAD summer reading program, to be offered in both public libraries and military base libraries in summer 2016, took place recently at the USS Kidd Veterans Museum during the Museum's annual Fall Field Days. During Fall Field Days, approximately 30 veterans and volunteers from around the country come to Baton Rouge to assist in the restoration and preservation of the USS KIDD (DD-661), which is considered the "gold standard" in ship restorations by the Historic Naval Ships Association fleet members.

The USS Kidd Veterans Museum houses artifacts, displays and historical ship models as well as hosting aboard ship tours for schools, Scouts, and youth group sleep-overs. It is located river-side at Red Stick Plaza in downtown Baton Rouge, LA.

The poster features "Froggy," the star of 27 books for children written by Jonathan London and illustrated by Remkiewicz. The latest Froggy adventure, *Froggy Goes to the Library*, is set to release this spring from Viking Books for Young Readers. Froggy will be inspiring children to participate in reading and activities at DoD-MWR base libraries and public libraries throughout the U.S. in summer 2016.



Above: Navy veteran and DoD-MWR Summer Reading Illustrator Frank Remkiewicz chose to preview his 2016 *Read-For the Win!* poster aboard the USS KIDD (DD-661), the "Pirate of the Pacific" for annual Fall Field Days. Located in the heart of scenic downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the USS KIDD is the centerpiece of a memorial which serves to honor the men and women of our American armed forces. <http://www.usstkidd.com/>

From left, Tim Nesmith, Educational Coordinator; a young Museum visitor; Alejandra "Alex" Juan, Museum Executive Director; and Frank Remkiewicz, poster illustrator. Remkiewicz served in the U.S. Navy and is a yearly Field Day volunteer on the USS Kidd.

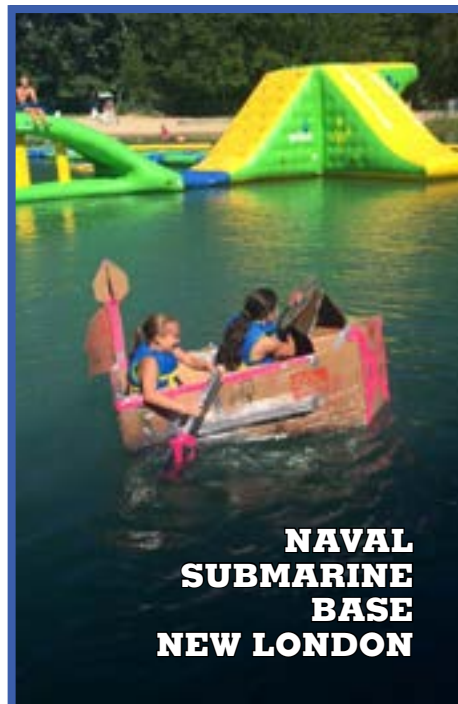
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Summer Reading Program Success

Since 2010, DoD-MWR Summer Reading has promoted summer learning, improved performance during the school year, and developed a life-long love of reading.

DoD-MWR Summer Reading has created fun family time, encouraged reading at home, and helped build community for military personnel.

2010



Voyage to Book Island

Oceans, vacations, and treasure hunts

2011



Midsummer Knight's Read

Medieval times and fantasy

2012



Reading is So Delicious

Food, eating right, and exercise

2013



Have Book Will Travel

Travel, types of transportation, and geography

2014

Paws to Read

Pets and other animals



2015

Read to the Rhythm

Music and dance



2016

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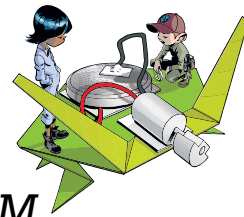
Sports, the Olympics, and achievement



2017

Reading By Design

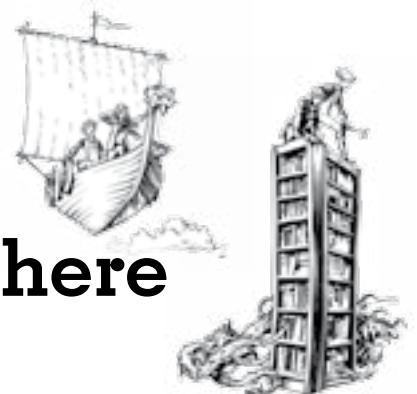
Engineering, architecture, invention, STEM



2018

Reading Takes You Everywhere

Exploration, discovery, and adventure



SUMMER READING 2017



2017 LITTLE ELLIOT POSTER BY MIKE CURATO

