

DoD-MWR LIBRARIES  
SUMMER READING PROGRAM



READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE!



2018 ANNUAL REPORT





★ Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California



DOD MWR LIBRARIES  
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
*on Military Installations Worldwide*





## Overview

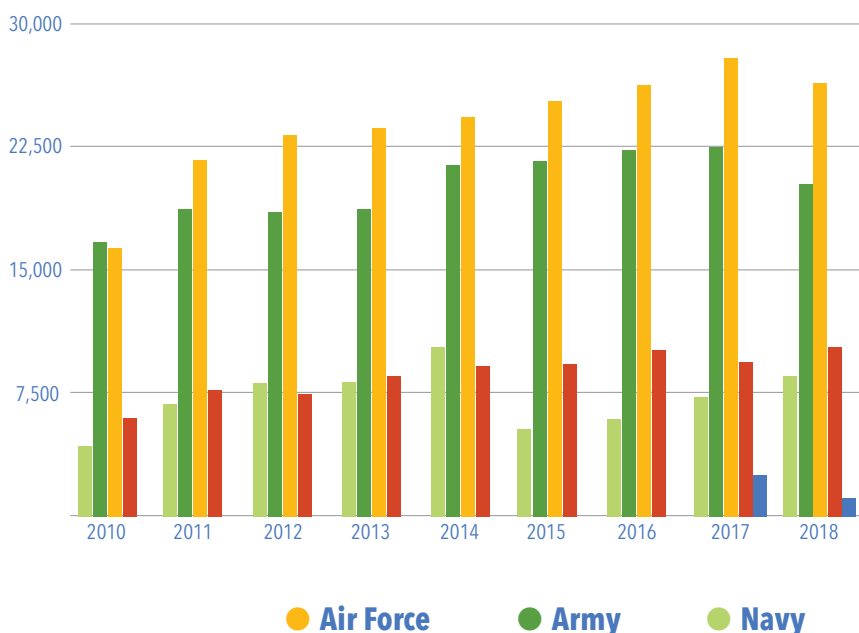
2018 DoD-MWR total:

**66,704** registered.

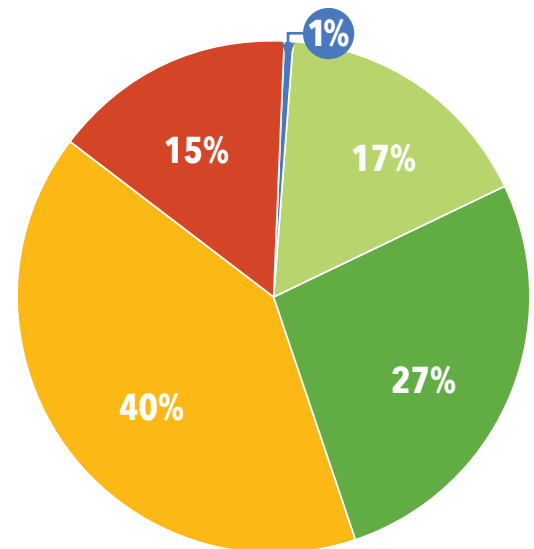
**46,774,844** minutes read.

The equivalent of **88.9** years!

Summer Reading Enrollment by Year



Summer Reading Minutes Read





# Why Summer Reading Pays Off Year-Round

*Ben Firke, posted to HOMEROOM: The Official Blog of the U.S. Department of Education*



★ Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia

**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.**



**Attention parents:** even though summer is over, it's not too late to help your child become a better reader before the new school year begins.

Summer is an important time for students to keep reading and improve their language skills. If your child hasn't been reading regularly this summer, they may be in danger of the "summer slide"—a decline in their reading ability.

Numerous studies indicate that students who don't read or read infrequently during their summer vacation see their reading abilities stagnate or decline. This effect becomes more pronounced as students get older and advance through the school system. The situation for economically disadvantaged students is especially grim; if students from low-income families don't read over the summer, they are much more likely to fall behind their more privileged peers, widening the "achievement gap."

"It's like if you play an instrument but put it down for three months," said Laurie Calvert, a teacher who is working as the Director of Teacher Outreach at the Department of Education. She wrote an academic thesis on improving summer reading programs at her North Carolina high school. "You're not going to be as good as a person who continues to play the instrument over those three months."

However, this "summer slide" can be avoided by ensuring that children are as engaged as possible in whatever they choose to read—just as long as they're reading every day.

"Anything that keeps students reading works," Calvert said. "The more engaged you are in the text, the closer you're going to read it. The closer you read it, the more you comprehend. And that process grows your skill."

The best ways to keep your child from becoming a "rusty reader" over the summer are:

- 1. Encourage your children to read books** they enjoy for at least 30 minutes per day. Your child will likely be more engrossed in material they choose themselves than material that is forced on them.
- 2. Provide incentives for reluctant readers.** For example, if your child enjoys basketball, agree to take them to the local court if they do their "daily reading."
- 3. Make reading a social act.** Establish a time during the day when all members of the family gather and read on their own or take turns reading the same book aloud.
- 4. Connect your reading to family outings.** If you take your kids to an aquarium, consider reading a book about fish or the ocean with them later that day. The outing can help place the reading into a broader context.

Take your children to your local library or bookstore and let them pick out a book they're going to love today. They will be better readers tomorrow for it.

To read the original post by Ben Firke, go to <https://blog.ed.gov/2011/08/why-summer-reading-pays-off-year-round/>.



★ Marine Corps Base, Hawaii

**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.**



★ Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California



**AIR FORCE**







## JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA

*Crystal A. Jenkins, Airman 1st Class*

**D**uring the biweekly cultural events, children will receive free crafts to do on-site and observe presentations by different artists highlighting areas of the world every other week. Other weeks, family game nights are scheduled and a take-home craft will be available.

The reading program also offers the opportunity to collect prizes for time spent reading. Through July 27, participants can submit minutes read through the online database.

“The program is for everybody who wants to participate,” said Jody Evans, JBER Library Reference Librarian. “It’s available for adults, teens, children, and also children who are too young to read but are read to.”

The goal every year is to keep children reading over the summer to prevent reading skills from being lost, Evans said.

“We tried to be creative with this year’s events, bringing in musicians and giving it a cultural theme,” Evans said. “For example, on June 20 we are having a special performance (by Tomodachi Taiko Japanese Drumming) and a Chinese dragon craft for the first 150 children.”

In addition to the performances, all registrants will receive a free T-shirt—while supplies last—and reading prizes will be split into separate categories for children, teens, and adults. Teens and adults are eligible to receive prizes at the 250-minute mark and the 500-minute mark. Pre-readers and young readers are eligible to receive a prize at every 100 minutes, up to 500 minutes.

“The prizes give individuals an incentive and are meant to encourage them to read and to log their minutes,” said Pamela Medolo, JBER Library Director. “The minutes where children are being read to during our normally scheduled events count toward the program.”

“More than 1,100 individuals registered last year; our hope this year is to beat our record of 432,000 minutes read,” said Evans. “We want individuals to continue logging their minutes read even if they have surpassed the 500-minute maximum, so we can accomplish that goal.”

Participants who finish as top readers in all categories will receive special prizes from the JBER Library. Additionally, those who finish as top readers—regardless of service branch affiliation—will also be submitted in an Air Force-wide drawing to receive additional prizes.

### ★ **Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska**

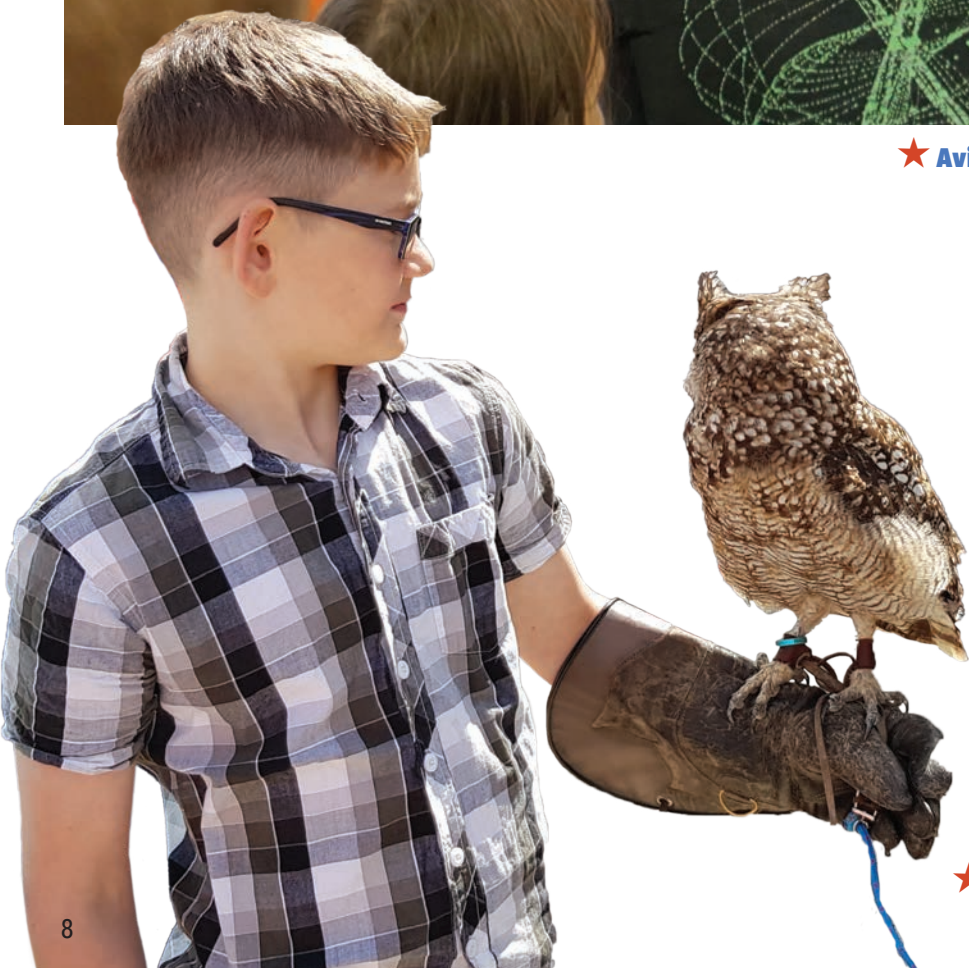
Children pop bubbles during a reading time at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Library, June 13, 2018. The library is hosting weekly events through July 2018 to coincide with this year’s Summer Reading Program “Reading Takes You Everywhere.” The program offers individuals the opportunity to collect prizes for time spent reading or being read to.  
*(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Crystal A. Jenkins)*



# AIR FORCE



★ Aviano Air Base, Italy



★ Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico

★ Alconbury Air Base, England



★ **Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska**



Reese, 7, assembles a take-home craft at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Library, June 13, 2018. The Summer Reading Program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere," includes biweekly cultural events where children can do crafts and observe presentations by different artists highlighting areas of the world. Other weeks, family game nights are scheduled and a take-home craft is available.



Jazalyn, 4, sits and listens to a story being read with her aunt Itzel Carrasquillo, during a reading time at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Library, June 13, 2018. The program offers individuals the opportunity to collect prizes for time spent reading or being read to. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Crystal A. Jenkins)



★ **Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina**



★ **Yokota Air Base, Japan**



★ **Beale Air Force Base, California**



# ARMY



★ **US Army Garrison Vicenza Libraries, Italy**



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Cake for summer reading kickoff.



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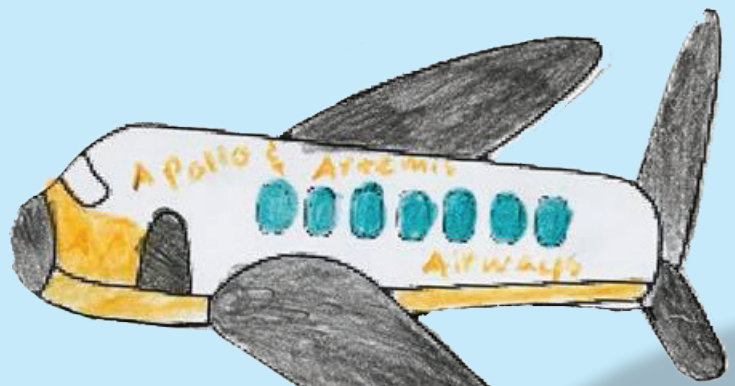


★ **US Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany**  
MAKERKIDS having MAKERSPACE summer fun at the Rheinland-Pfalz Library.



★ **US Army Garrison Vicenza Libraries, Italy**

Our Summer Readers ventured under the sea with blob fish, jellyfish, and shark stories!





# ARMY

★ US Army Garrison Livorno, Italy



7/29/19  
Thank You So Much.  
It was a Great  
experience. Kids  
enjoyed the Books.  
You have good selection  
of Books and You been  
very helpful and nice.  
Beattie Family



★ USAG Yongsan, South Korea



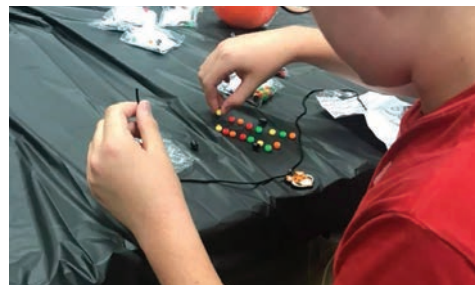


★ **US Army Garrison Bavaria, Germany**



★ **Fort Jackson, South Carolina**

At the Fort Jackson Library, children participate in zoo-related reading, crafts, and games in preparation for a trip to the zoo.





**MARINE CORPS**





★ **Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California**  
Summer Reading participants tour the Children's Storywalk.



★ **Marine Corps Camp Butler, Okinawa**



★ **Marine Corps  
Air Station  
Iwakuni,  
Japan**



# MARINE CORPS



## ★ MCCS Lejeune-New River, North Carolina



## Reading from San Diego to Parris Island and back, over and over!

The MCRD San Diego to MCRD Parris Island activity was the brainchild of **Programming Librarian Jennifer Luebbert**.

**Looking for a way to make tracking minutes read more tangible and interactive for the kids,** I reached out to Kevin Giampa, Librarian Supervisor at our counterpart library, MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina, to see if he would like to partner with us to track total minutes read. He was eager to work together on this fun project. It is 2,428 miles from MCRD San Diego to MCRD Parris Island. We decided that one minute read would equal one mile traveled. Each time the reader finished 120 minutes of reading, they could put their name on a combat boot and add it to the map. Some kids liked to follow the road marks, some placed it on their current duty station, or where they would like to go in the future. Many of the kids placed their boots all over the country, marking places they have lived in during their short lives. MCRD San Diego and MCRD Parris Island readers, together, made the base-to-base trek 52 times! Could a worldwide journey to all of the Marine libraries be in our future?



The distance between MCRD San Diego Library and MCRD Parris Island Library is 2,428 miles. These two libraries worked together to see how many times they could cross the country. For each minute read during Summer Ready Program 2018, one mile was calculated. At the end of the summer, the total distance "traveled" was 52 cross-country trips, or 126,252 miles!





# Summer Reading Program a Big Success

Laurie Pearson, commStrat Chief

Colonel Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, handed out awards to children at the grand finale of the Summer Reading Program during a ceremony and activity-filled event held at McTureous Hall aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 17.

The program inspired 48 children, four teens, and 14 adults to read more throughout the summer. On average participants read a total of 260 minutes.

Although everyone who participated and expanded their reading horizons, it was little miss Navea Jenkins, 9 years old, who won the award for the most minutes read. Her total was a whopping 1,930 minutes, read throughout the two months.

"She always loves to read," said Felicia Reed, Navea's mother and wife of Staff Sgt. Michael Reed. "For the program, I scheduled for her to read for an hour a day, but she reads a lot anyway. In the mornings, if she's up before everybody else, she will get a book and start reading until her siblings wake up. Her favorite books are a series called *Dork Diaries*."

Col. Karega gave her high praises as he placed the medal around her neck. He also commended the program.

"I really enjoy participating in the Summer Reading Program," Karega said. "It's a great program that encourages our youth to read and then rewards them for the time that they spent reading. I'm extremely pleased to be a part of the program and I truly appreciate the opportunity to present every child with a medal for their participation."

Before and after the awards ceremony, the children enjoyed a variety of activities and were entertained by library staff and volunteers who dropped by to ensure that the children enjoyed the event.

"During our end-of-summer event we had FOCUS and EFMP/School Liaison information booths with information for families," said Vanessa Garcia, Lead Library Technician. "FOCUS brought in the Crime Investigators to have the children fingerprinted and have their picture taken to help ensure their safety. The EFMP/School liaison had some information on baby sign language along with information on back-to-school. We also had the fire personnel come in and read to the kids."

Volunteers from the Single Marine Program also read to the kids and set up game stations such as in-door bowling and Giant Jenga. There was even an obstacle course, a cookie decorating station, and an ice cream bar.

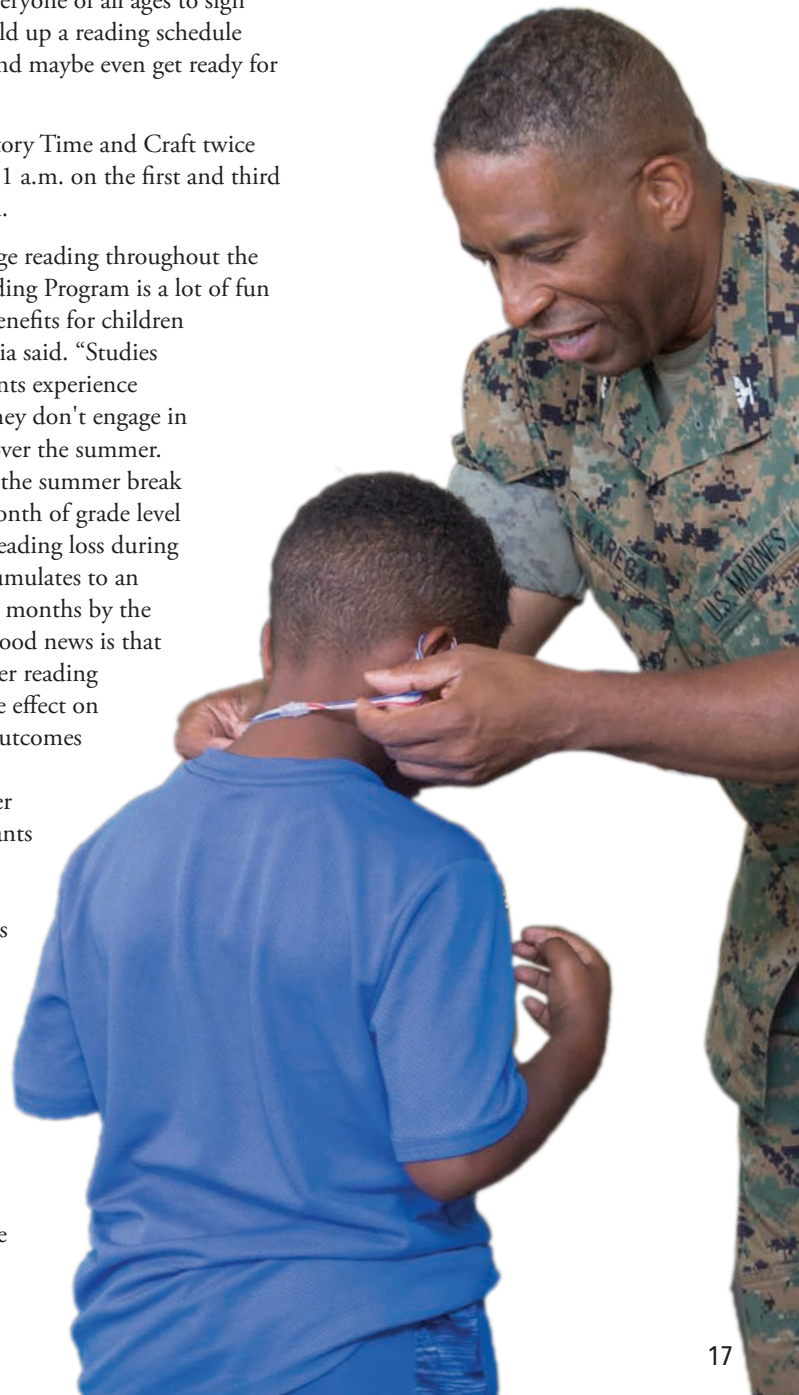
"Just because the reading program is over it doesn't mean it stops here," said Reece Dillingham, Library Technician. "In addition to books, we also have movies people can check out and audio books for the kids to use at home, as well as some digital books online, which people can use with a simple sign up at the library. This is to encourage everyone of all ages to sign up for reading and build up a reading schedule throughout the year, and maybe even get ready for next summer."

The Library also has Story Time and Craft twice per month, from 10–11 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

"Although we encourage reading throughout the year, the Summer Reading Program is a lot of fun and provides proven benefits for children who participate," Garcia said. "Studies have shown that students experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities over the summer. Achievement lost over the summer break is equivalent to one month of grade level instruction. Summer reading loss during elementary grades accumulates to an achievement gap of 18 months by the end of grade six! The good news is that participation in summer reading programs has a positive effect on student achievement outcomes by preventing learning loss even two years after participation. Participants regularly outperform non-participants on tests across all measures and grades (K-8)."

So, congratulations to all who participated in the Summer Reading Program! Be sure to return to the library often to partake in their many services throughout the year.

Colonel Sekou Karega, commanding officer, awards a child for his achievement in reading over the summer at the library aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 17. All of the children who participated in the Summer Reading Program received recognition and awards for their accomplishments.





**NAVY**







★ Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii





## ★ Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida

Pensacola families had a BLAST for the Summer Reading Program Africa week! Children were introduced to our musical guest Polimba Tree and learned about African musical instruments. These instruments are handmade by Mr. Poleon. They also explored Egypt with a desert sensory bin to search for Egyptian artifacts and created jeweled Egyptian collars from paper plates!

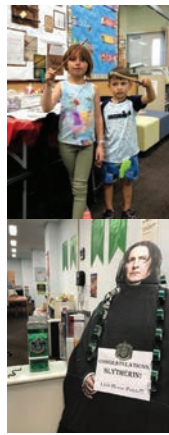


## ★ Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida

The Summer Reading Program kicks off at Pensacola MWR Library. On June 15, families participated in paper airplane contests, decorated their "suitcases," constructed a 3D globe, and tried other STEM activities.







★ US Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan



★ Naval Station Rota, Spain



★ Naval Support Activity Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain







# DOD-MWR LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM



2010

## Voyage to Book Island

Oceans, vacations, and treasure hunts

Artist: Kevin Luthardt

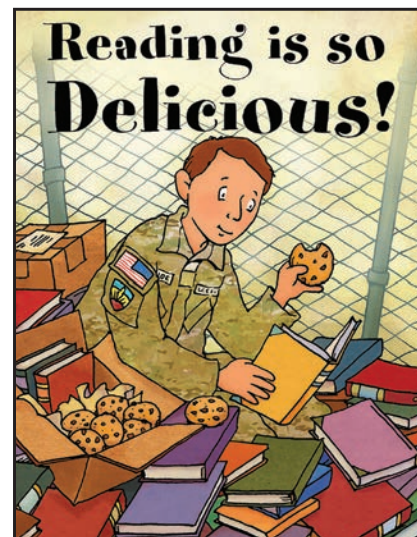


2011

## Midsummer Knight's Read

Medieval times and fantasy

Artist: David Catrow

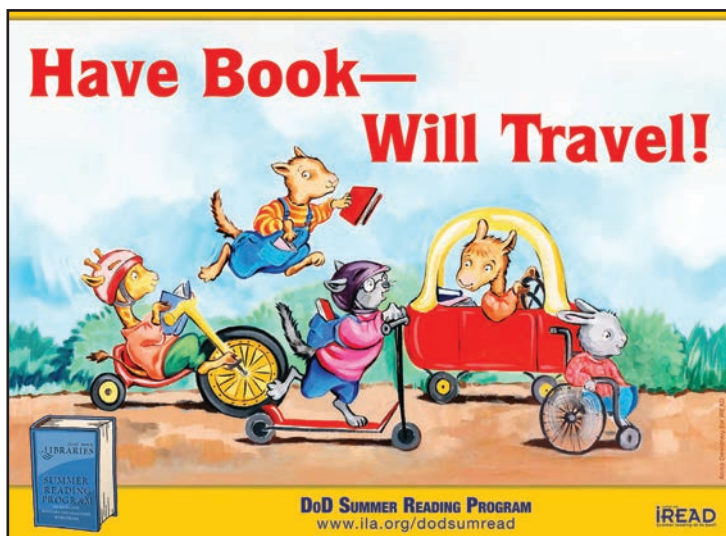


2012

## Reading is So Delicious

Food, eating right, and exercise

Artist: Patrick Girouard

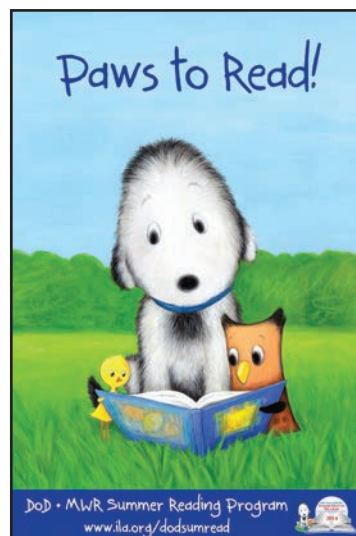


2013

## Have Book Will Travel

Travel, types of transportation, and geography

Artist: Anna Dewdney



2014

## Paws to Read

Pets and other animals

Artist: Tad Hills



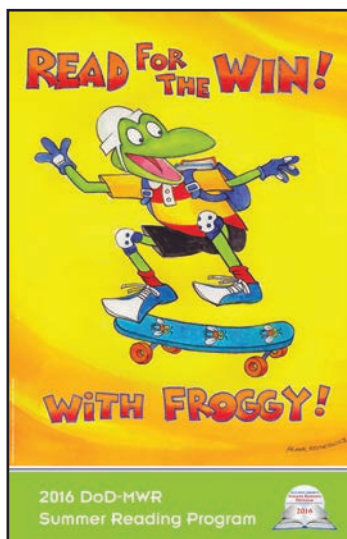
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## Read to the Rhythm

Music and dance

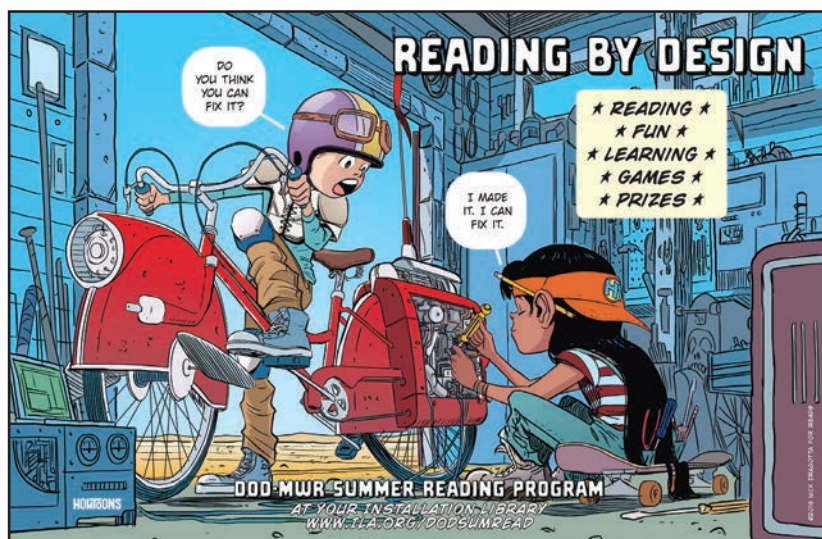
Artist: Don Tate





## 2016 Read-for the Win!

Sports, the Olympics, achievement  
Artist: Frank Remkiewicz



## 2017 Reading By Design

Engineering, architecture, invention, STEM  
Artist: Nick Dragotta



## 2018 Reading Takes You Everywhere

Exploration, discovery, and adventure  
Artist: Terri Murphy



## 2019 It's Showtime at Your Library

Movies, theater, dance, music  
Artist: Kevan Atteberry



## 2020 Dig Deeper

Read, investigate, discover  
Artist: Rafael Lopez



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