

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

DoD MWR LIBRARIES

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

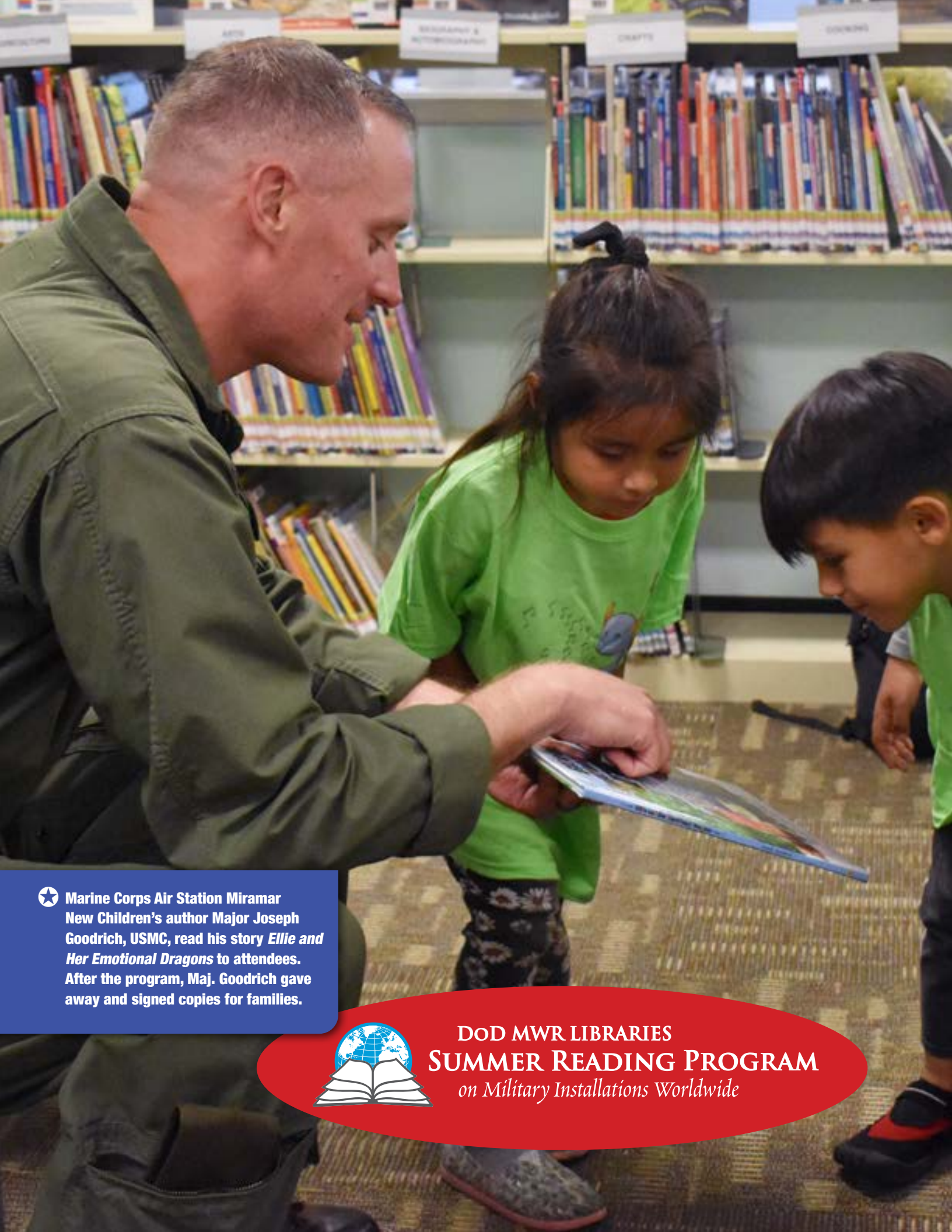
# IT'S SHOWTIME AT YOUR LIBRARY!



I READ 6583 MINUTES

2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM





Marine Corps Air Station Miramar  
New Children's author Major Joseph  
Goodrich, USMC, read his story *Ellie and  
Her Emotional Dragons* to attendees.  
After the program, Maj. Goodrich gave  
away and signed copies for families.



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



## Overview

**2019 DoD MWR Summer Reading:**

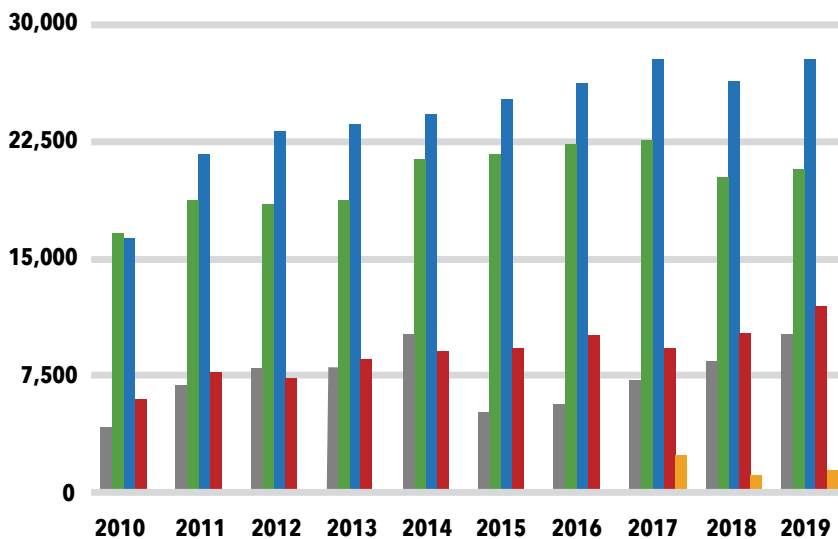
**2019 total enrollment increased 7.5% over 2018.**

**56,197,796 minutes read.**

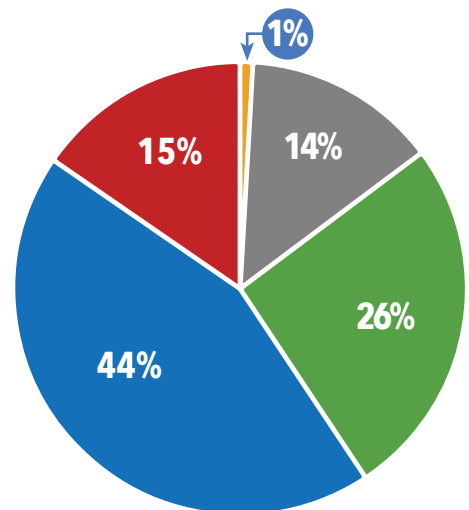
**The equivalent of 106.9 years!**

**19.7 years more than 2018.**

Summer Reading Enrollment by Year



Summer Reading Minutes Read



● Virtual   
 ● Navy   
 ● Army   
 ● Air Force   
 ● Marines

## ★ Why Summer Reading is Important

### Prevent “summer slide”



### by building a bridge



### with summer reading at your local library!

Children who participate in summer reading program 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 score 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** report that their children spend more time reading over the summer, read more books, are 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.

*Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap  
<http://bit.ly/dom.edu> (PDF)*



★ MWR summer readers at MCB Camp Lejeune



★ MCAS Camp Miramar

# AIR FORCE



## ★ Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, United States

Children read books and played with puppets at the Pride Hangar on Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD. Volunteers from the McRaven Child Development Center played with the children, while handing out picture books geared towards military families. *Photo credit: Airman 1st Class Christina Benne*

## Ellsworth Stays Cool With Summer Reading

*28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs  
Story by Airman 1st Class Christina Bennett*

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

The Holbrook Library is keeping cool with a free summer reading program, set to run from June 20 through July 25.

The summer reading program is run in partnership with the Department of Defense Morale, Welfare, and Recreation's summer reading program. The program is designed to encourage reading over the summer to help children retain literacy skills and material learned throughout the school year.

"Statistics have proven that children who read over the summer score significantly higher on tests than children who don't read over the summer," said Wanda Greene, a 28th Force Support Squadron

senior library technician. "It also promotes socialization skills—especially in younger children, who have not started school yet. They learn that reading can be fun."

Interested readers can sign up at the Holbrook Library beginning June 10. Once registered, participants will receive a welcome bag packed with a reading log, a T-shirt, activity pages, and other goodies.

Readers will earn points for each minute they read or are read to—if they're not reading yet. Bookworms of all ages are invited to participate.

To make things more interesting, Airmen can earn points too. The squadron with the most points at the end of the program will be awarded bragging rights and a traveling trophy.

"The caveat we added this summer is the Squadron Challenge. We wanted to get more participation from our Airmen," said Greene. "We thought this was a good opportunity for them to participate alongside their families and to compete against one another."

Participants will keep track of points by using the reading log provided in the welcome bag. In addition to reading, points can be earned by completing activity sheets and participating in the weekly activities at Holbrook.

Top readers will compete at the Air Force level and winners will receive a gift card. Participants will have a chance to win tickets for prizes provided from Holbrook as well. Force level and winners will receive a gift card. Participants will have a chance to win tickets for prizes.



★ Children escaped the heat during Summer Splash, held July 1, 2019, at the Bellamy Fitness Center on Ellsworth Air Force Base. The 28th Force Support Squadron hosted the pool party.  
*U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Thomas Karol*



★ Amber Hulse, Miss South Dakota, takes a photo with Angelisse Griffin during the Summer Splash event at Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD, July 1, 2019. Hulse came out to meet children on base, sign autographs, and take photos with participants.  
*Photo credit: U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Thomas Karol*



★ Reading and cake go together on Ellsworth Air Force Base during their summer reading program.

# AIR FORCE



★ **Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, United States**  
Participants in WarriorCon, the Grand Forks Air Force Base Summer Reading Grand Finale.

★ **Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, United States**  
Children, teens, and adults on Scott Air Force Base logged their reading time and won raffle prizes.



★ Crafts, fire safety, and story time on Scott Air Force Base





★ Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, United States



★ Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan



★ Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, United States





★ **Fort Bragg, North Carolina, United States**

The 82nd Airborne Division's woodwind quintet band performs while reading stories during the summer reading program at Throckmorton Library on Fort Bragg, NC, June 19, 2019. The program showed the importance of interactive learning with instruments for an audience of more than 25 children and parents.



★ Above: U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kathryn Beyer, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's woodwind quintet band, reads while the band performs during the summer reading program at the Throckmorton Library on Fort Bragg, NC, June 19, 2019. Members of the band played music from *Peter and the Wolf*, *Pokemon*, and *The Incredibles* for an audience of more than 25 children and parents.

★ Left: U.S. Army Spc. Kaila Washington, assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's woodwind quintet band, plays the flute during the summer reading program at the Throckmorton Library on Fort Bragg, NC, June 19, 2019. The band played songs such as "Ferdinand the Bull" and "How to Train Your Dragon" while a band member read the story aloud.





Fort Hood, Texas, United States

## Children Walk Down Red Carpet for Summer Reading

By Jasmine Castrellon, Sentinel Living editor, Aug 8, 2019. Photos by Pvt. Chantel Green, 49th Public Affairs Detachment

The Top Reader Walk of Fame, hosted at Casey Memorial Library, recognized 313 children who participated in the Summer Reading Program. The event highlighted a total of 340,050 minutes spent reading this summer!

It's Showtime at Your Library! was the theme for this summer's program, which ended July 27.

The event included a red carpet photo stage, a hand puppet theater box office, arts and crafts, a bounce house, snacks, and prizes.

Rachael Bethel, public services librarian, said that children who read over the summer retain more information learned throughout the school year than children who do not. "Reading engages different parts of the brain," Bethel said. Bethel added that reading improves detail retention, imagination, vocabulary, and more. As a librarian, Bethel said that she reads on a daily basis and believes that children should also be reading consistently.

Bethel said that having a separate reading room for children takes a lot of stress off parents. "Especially here in a military library, you come in and you've got 40, 50, 70 soldiers out there doing training on the computers and you have an upset toddler who starts screaming," Bethel said. "Having a separate room, I think, is really fantastic. A lot of libraries do not have that luxury."

Bethel shared that many families have told her at the beginning of the summer that their child(ren) would not be able to finish out the summer reading program, due to a permanent change of station, but that they would continue reading right up until their move.

"I think it's been really fantastic, the number of people who've been absolutely determined to participate, especially given the high number of families that are PCSing," Bethel said. "They are taking the time out of the incredibly hectic life that PCSing involves in order to make sure that they can sit down and have reading time."\*

Bethel also shared that many newly stationed families have gotten involved in the summer reading program.

Natasha Ordonio, her husband, and their children, nine-year-old JT, six-year-old Nick, and three-year-old Alexis, recently arrived four months ago to Fort Hood. The three children participated in the Summer Reading Program. Ordonio shared that her family and she have moved a total of six times, and that at each installation their children have participated in the summer reading program and usually visit the library at least once a week.

Ordonio also said that her nine-year-old son, JT, read three to five books a week because he wanted to compete. "I think it's been motivating, because as soon as we found out that he could read by minutes and try to compete for top reader he was motivated to start reading several hours a day," Ordonio said. "It encouraged him to read a lot more."

JT shared that his favorite book series, Wings of Fire, is about dragons and fulfilling prophecies. Ordonio explained why she believes it is important to have a summer reading program for children. "I think it helps prepare for the next school year. It increases their vocabulary and, in general, I found that when they read, they do better in all subjects," she said.

Staff Sgt. Michael Goss's two-year-old daughter, Charlotte (left), won the top pre-readers' award. Goss said that he and his wife are always buying new books for their daughter. "She loves reading," Goss said. "She'll pull a book out of the shelf and bring it over to us and we'll just read it."

Goss believes that reading to children starting at a young age improves learning and creativity. "It's imagination building," Goss said. "I've been an avid reader my whole life. Just knowing that a book will take you to places you may never go."

Goss said that libraries should always be available for soldiers and their families.

\* Note: The DoD MWR Summer Reading Program is DoD-wide, so PCSing participants will find the same program at their new installation library.





★ Alivia Thomas, 2, plays with a giraffe hand puppet, in front of a cardboard puppet theater, during the Top Reader Walk of Fame at Casey Memorial Library.



★ Ryan Escalona, 2, reads with mom, Cristina, inside the children's room of the Casey Memorial Library during the Top Reader Walk of Fame.



★ Kelsie Froehler kisses her one-year-old daughter, Gracie, on the head while she sits and enjoys eating some popcorn during the Top Reader Walk of Fame at Casey Memorial Library.



★ Kaia Roumell, 8, plays inside an inflatable bounce house during the Top Reader Walk of Fame at Casey Memorial Library.



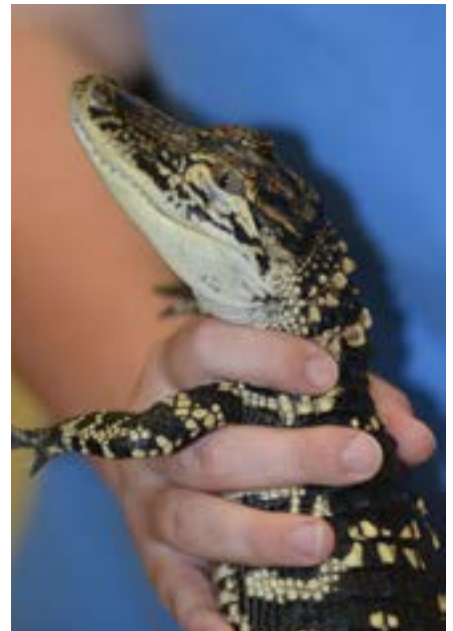
★ Ryan Escalona, 2, plays with Legos inside the children's room at Casey Memorial Library during the Top Reader Walk of Fame.



# MARINE CORPUS



 **MCB Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, United States**  
Visit to North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.





★ Above: Kaci Deakins (left), of the Bright Star Touring Theater, answers a young fan's questions after her production of *The Wizard of Oz* at the Marine Corps Air Station New River Movie Theater, July 15.



★ Right: Kaci Deakins (left) and Ryan Albinus (right), of the Bright Star Touring Theater, take a break after their production of *The Wizard of Oz* to let a young fan take their photo at the Marine Corps Air Station New River Movie Theater, July 15.



★ Above: During the MCCA Lejeune-New River Library's Insane Science of Fairyland presentation, at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center, June 28, 2019, Casey Nees sent out smoke rings from his homemade air vortex shooter to demonstrate how vibrations cause sound and disrupt air.

★ Below: Nees also presented how leaf blowers create air pressure that move objects, like a roll of toilet paper. *Photo credit: Pat Gruner*



# The Globe

The Camp Lejeune Globe, New River, NC

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River took reading up a notch. In addition to tracking time spent alone with a good book, libraries on the installations hosted events to give kids and parents a deeper appreciation for reading. At Tarawa Terrace Community Center, Friday, June 28, there was an educational performance piece dealing with chemistry, physics, and *The Three Little Pigs*.

Casey Nees, The Insane Science Guy, presented *The Insane Science of Fairyland* for kids involved with the SRP. Nees, a former librarian, elementary school teacher, and college professor, is dedicated to making science fun for kids who might otherwise be put off about learning its principles in an academic setting. "My goal is to instill the love of science in these kids and help them see it as a creative art," Nees said. "When you get the tools from your teachers it is how you use them that is where that creativity comes from."

Nees demonstrated principles involving sound, chemical reactions, electricity, and pneumatics to kids in the form of a fairy tale about an ice dragon in Onslow County. He believes that science, like books, tell a story about life itself.

"Go out and do science and love science," Nees urged the audience. "It's how you can get to the rest of the story."

# MARINE CORPS

## MCAS Iwakuni, Yamaguchi, Japan



MCAS Iwakuni photo credit: Pfc. Triton Lai

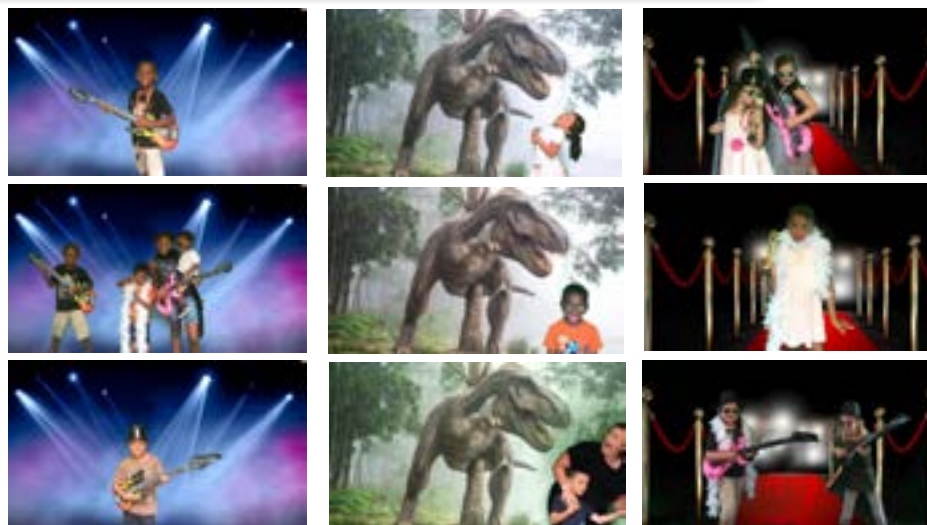


★ Above: U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Gaige Brown, aviation maintenance data specialist with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 12, and Lance Cpl. Mirian Textaponce, aviation maintenance data specialist with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 121, volunteered during a summer reading party hosted by Marine and Family Programs at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, August 7, 2019. The party was held to celebrate all of the reading the children accomplished over the span of six weeks. The party included a raffle giveaway, live music, food, and drinks.

★ Above Left: Kanon Yasukuza (center), a violinist with the Hatsukaichi Junior String Orchestra and the Hatsukaichi Peace Orchestra, performed during a summer reading party.

★ Left: Families entered a raffle during a summer reading party.

## MCCS Camp Pendleton, California, United States



★ It's Showtime photo day on Camp Pendleton.

★ Hooray! We have our Grand Prize Winner for the 2019 Summer Reading Program! Congrats to Ryan!







★ Participants of the 2019 Summer Reading Program celebrated their accomplishments in reading during the six-week summer program. They were also able to pick up their special prizes for reading over 901 minutes and the Top-25 Child Readers received a special coin. The top Child Reader received a special prize!



★ NAS Pensacola, Florida, United States

PENSACOLA, FL – Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola leadership recognized the air station’s Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Library Summer Reading Program participants during a July 30 ceremony at the MWR Liberty Department’s Portside Complex.

NAS Pensacola Command Master Chief Mario Rivers congratulated the NAS Pensacola MWR Library Summer Reading Program participants during the brief ceremony and praised the efforts of the more than 40 service members who volunteered to read and interact with the school-age children. “NAS Pensacola considers children one of the most important aspects of our Navy,” Rivers said. “The service members who have volunteered their efforts in reading to and with these school-age children through the MWR Library Summer Reading Program are not only creating a positive example for these individuals who might someday be in our shoes, but are also helping to create an interest in reading for our younger generation.”

The mission of the Department of Defense MWR Summer Reading Program is to help families bridge the summer learning gap while inspiring literacy and life-long learning. The six-week long program, It’s Showtime at Your Library, incorporated books based on movies and was heavily reliant on the volunteer effort of service members from NAS Pensacola-area commands.

Hannah Rapetti, the NAS Pensacola MWR librarian, said that volunteer efforts from Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG) 23, and Aviation Maintenance Squadron 1 staff

members were instrumental throughout the program, with more than 130 readers participating and earning an NAS Pensacola MWR Library record number of more than ninety-six thousand minutes spent reading.

Rapetti added that volunteers both read to and helped program participants read books as well as participated in other activities, including dressing as Lego Batman and Lego Joker to enact a fight; interacting with program participants in the Worm Jungle during Jungle Book week; and practicing their skills with magic wands during Harry Potter week.

“We could not have pulled off this program without the support from our service members,” she said. “To have the service members show the children that reading can be fun and exciting was certainly something we at the library and the children will appreciate for a long time.”

According to the Military OneSource website, students participating in library summer reading programs score higher on reading achievement tests, and students who read often are higher achievers than students who seldom read.

“Reading during the summer time is instrumental to promoting an increase in confidence, comprehension, and reading as a past time for younger generations,” Rapetti said.

The NAS Pensacola MWR department promotes and maintains well-being and quality of life programs for area service members, their families, and other eligible beneficiaries.



★ Command Master Chief Mario Rivers poses with a group of participants from the NAS Pensacola MWR Library Summer Reading Program, July 30. The mission of the Department of Defense MWR Summer Reading Program is to help families bridge the “summer learning gap” while inspiring literacy and life-long learning.



★ Everyone enjoyed the sorting hat ceremony, the special guest magician, and the Horcrux Hunt!

★ Daniel Pizzurro and Kaitlyn Capili create an air and waterpower machine at the Navy Joint Base Anacostia Bolling MWR Library.





★ NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, United States



★ DoD MWR Libraries Summer Program wrap-up Party, August 10, 2019.

★ NAS Fort Worth JRB, Texas, United States



★ NAS Fort Worth JRB library celebrated the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with a space program.

★ A visit from the Cat in the Hat during a performance of *Seussology*.



★ Five rescue dogs, giant bubbles, a scarlet macaw, juggling, unicycling, and other circus acts from Circus Chicken Dog entertained participants in the End of Summer Reading Celebration on Thursday, August 8.



★ NSF Indian Head, Washington, D.C., United States



★ Libraries in the Washington, D.C. area, received tickets from the Nationals to award readers. Participants were recognized at the Nationals' August 17 game.

★ NSA Naples, Italy



★ Naples MWR Library kicked off their summer reading program with an amusement park day.



# DoD MWR libraries Summer Reading Program Through the Years



**2010**

**Voyage to Book Island**

Oceans, vacations, and treasure hunts

Featured artist: Kevin Luthardt

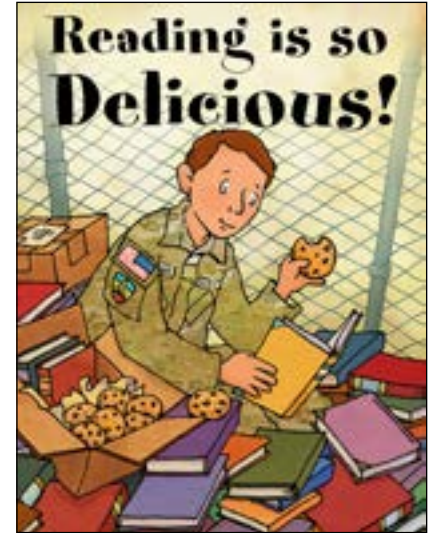


**2011**

**Midsummer Knight's Read**

Medieval times and fantasy

Featured artist: David Catrow

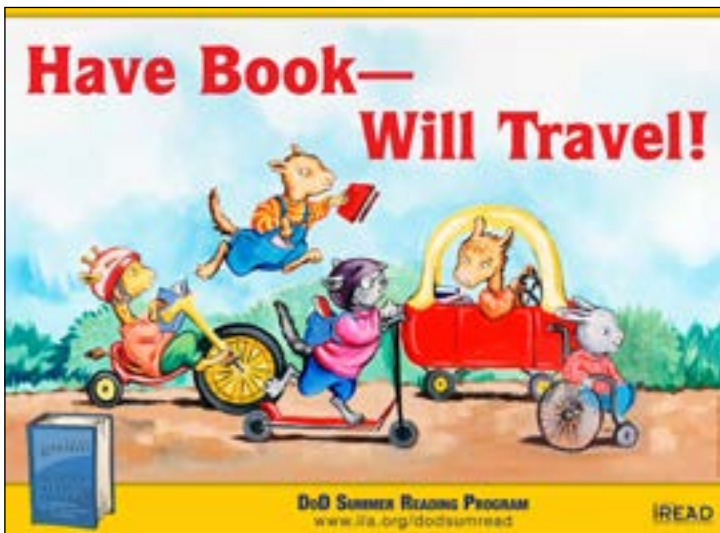


**2012**

**Reading is So Delicious**

Food, eating right, and exercise

Featured artist: Patrick Girouard

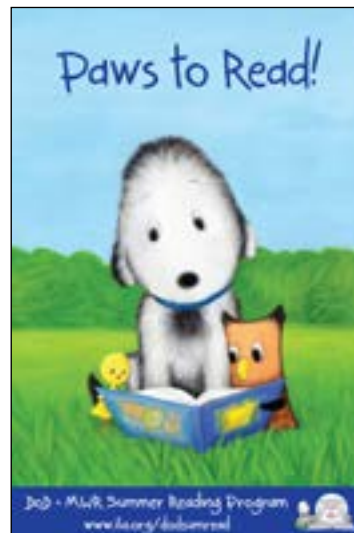


**2013**

**Have Book Will Travel**

Travel, types of transportation, and geography

Featured artist: Anna Dewdney



**2014**

**Paws to Read**

Pets and other animals

Featured artist: Tad Hills

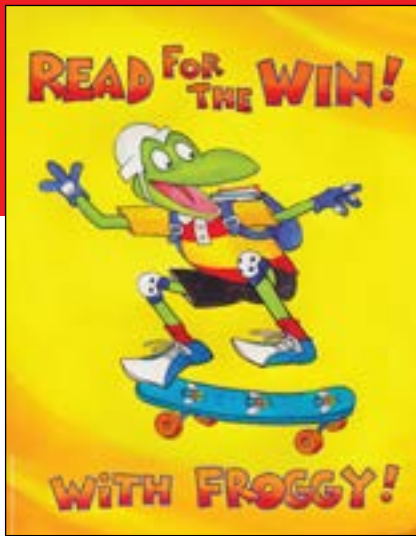


**2015**

**Read to the Rhythm**

Music and dance

Featured artist: Don Tate



**2016**

**Read For the Win!**

Sports, the Olympics, achievement

Featured artist: Frank Remkiewicz



**2017**

**Reading By Design**

Technology, engineering, design, STEAM

Featured artist: Nick Dragotta

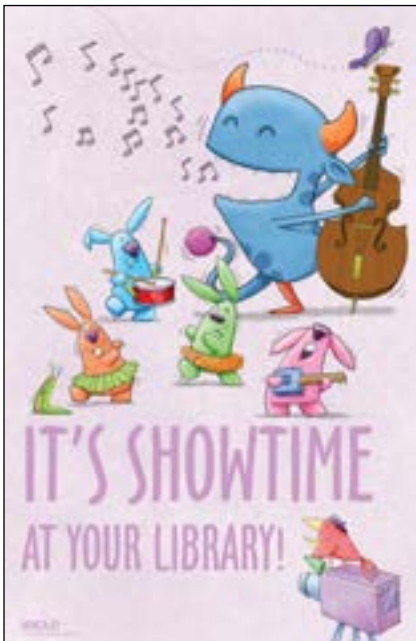


**2018**

**Reading Takes You Everywhere**

Exploration, discovery, and adventure

Featured artist: Terri Murphy

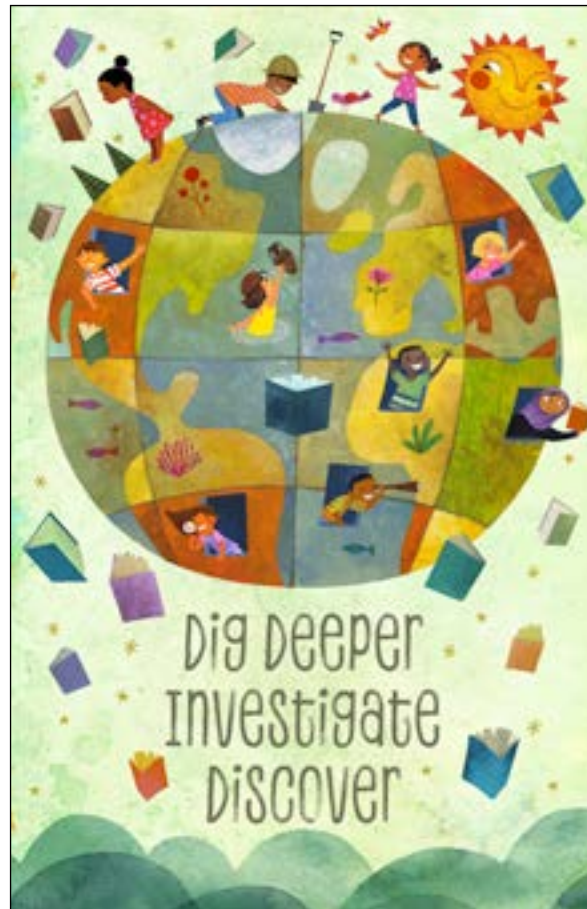


**2019**

**It's Showtime at Your Library**

Movies, theater, dance, music

Featured artist: Kevan Atteberry



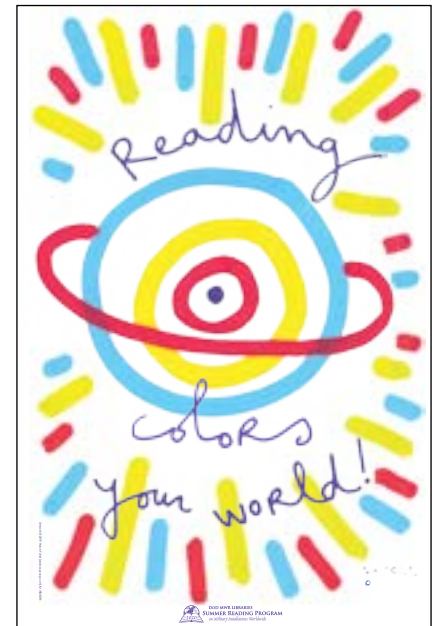
**2020**

**Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover**

Investigation, discovering hidden information,

and exploring mysteries

Featured artist: Rafael López



**2021**

**Reading Colors Your World**

Featured artist: Hervé Tullet

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