

DoD MWR Summer Reading Program

2021 Annual Report

Reading



Colors
your world!

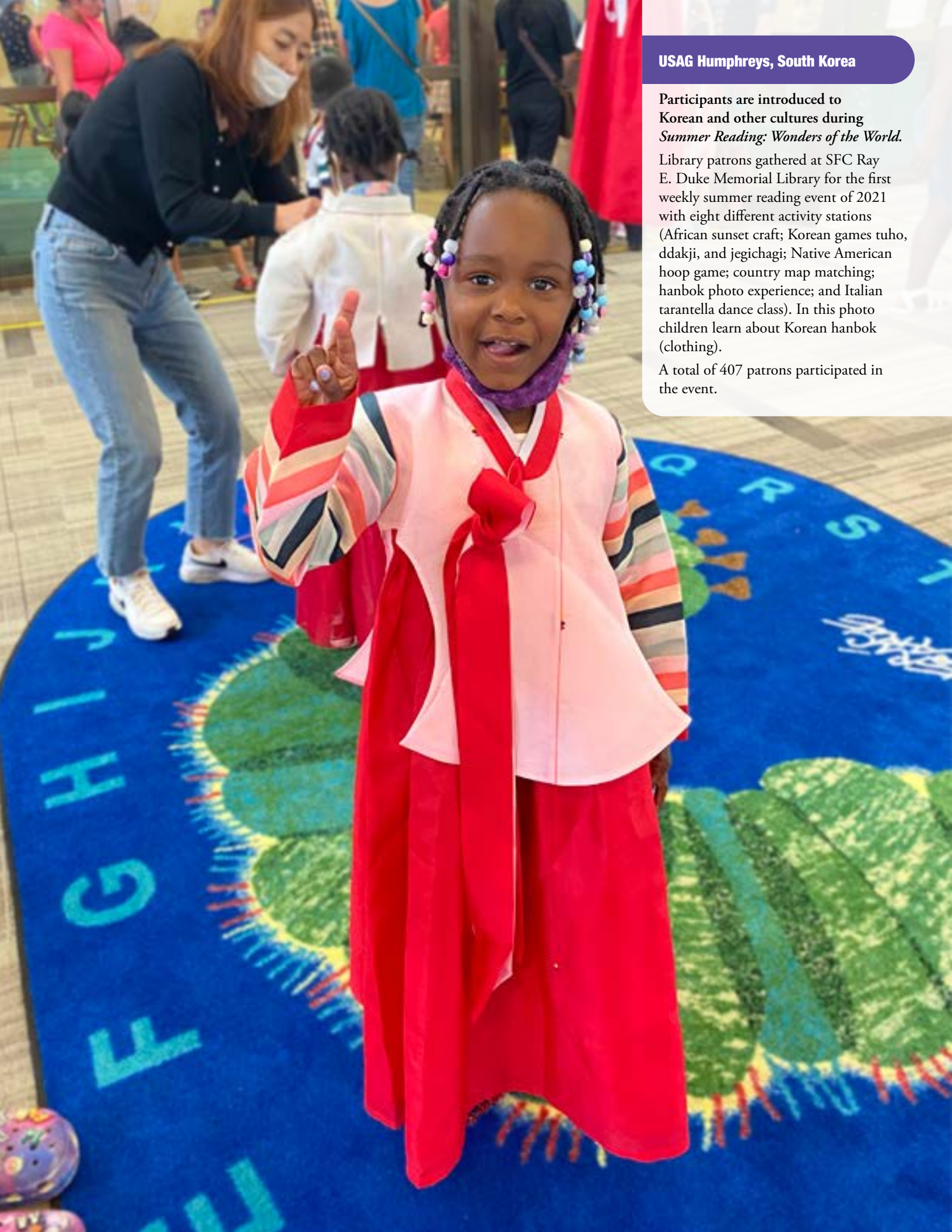


USAG Humphreys, South Korea

Participants are introduced to Korean and other cultures during *Summer Reading: Wonders of the World*.

Library patrons gathered at SFC Ray E. Duke Memorial Library for the first weekly summer reading event of 2021 with eight different activity stations (African sunset craft; Korean games tuho, ddakji, and jegichagi; Native American hoop game; country map matching; hanbok photo experience; and Italian tarantella dance class). In this photo children learn about Korean hanbok (clothing).

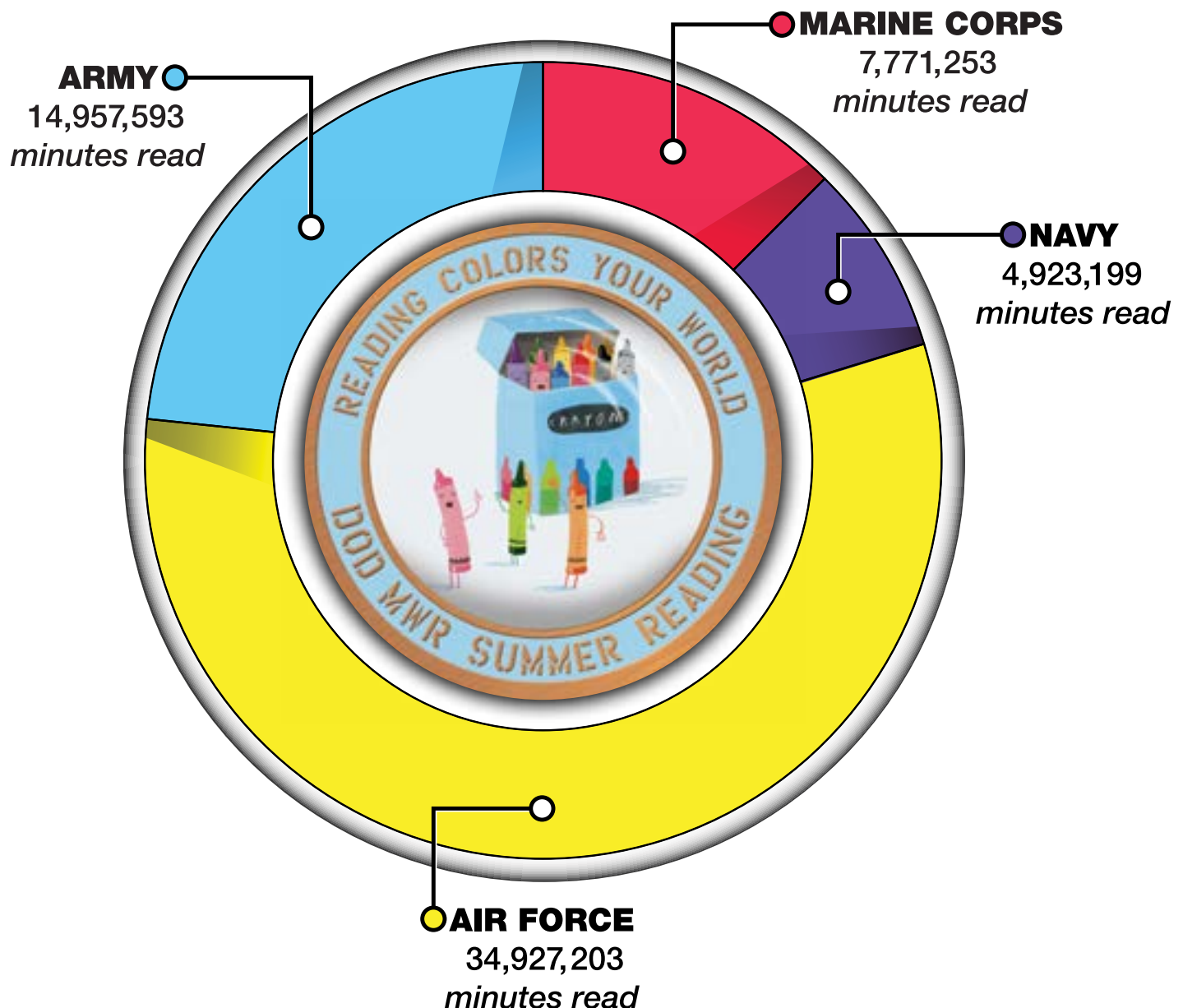
A total of 407 patrons participated in the event.



2021 DOD MWR LIBRARIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM TOTAL

62,579,248 MINUTES READ

THE EQUIVALENT OF
119 YEARS



LIBRARY STAFF EMBRACE *READING COLORS YOUR WORLD*

DoD MWR Librarians Get Creative with Color



Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Library staff on Fort Bragg showed their true colors in the run-up to 2021 summer reading by dressing up in crayon T-shirts with matching tutus.



Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

DoD MWR summer reading is for all ages as demonstrated on Prince Sultan Air Base, in the "Sinbad" Learning Resource Center.





Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

Library staff pose with a banner displaying the theme of this year's summer reading program on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, May 20, 2021. The library offered prizes and hosted events throughout the summer to encourage reading.

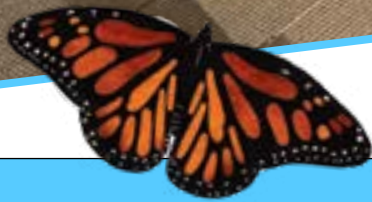


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ARMY



United State Army Garrison Humphreys, South Korea



Fort Stewart, Georgia





Summer Reading Fun at Casey Memorial Library

By Megan Skipper, *Sentinel Living Editor* Jul 15, 2021

Fort Hood's Casey Memorial Library is hosting their summer reading event, *Reading Colors Your World*. The purpose of the program is to help encourage and inspire children to read and enable them to develop their reading skills in a fun way. Children are also able to work on various activities that explore the arts and sciences, including origami, sculpting, and even coding.

Along with the opportunity to earn prizes by logging reading, children can attend an online Facebook story time, as well as an in-person *Color Your World* program on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

On July 7, the *Color Your World Program*, (which serves children ages 8–12), covered miniature sculpting, where children had the opportunity to work with their hands to design and create their own four sculptures using techniques taught by the library's Public Services Librarian Rachel Bethel.

"Sculpting is great for creativity and hand-eye coordination, but doing miniatures with a fixed challenge of creating at least four things using only the clay they were given adds more," Bethel said. "Planning ahead, problem-solving, decision making, and even color theory come into play, but the kids don't care about all that, they're just having fun."

Danielle, a 10-year-old library patron, was inspired by her younger brother, and used her creativity along with skills taught by Bethel to create a cat. Danielle had great things to say about the library's programming.

"I think it's really fun. And I think modeling is a really nice way to be able to express how you're feeling," Danielle said.

Along with getting to work on their reading and creative skills, children and parents both also have the much-needed opportunity to socialize with others through the *Color Your World* program. Making new friends is a challenge most military families face, and the library can be that venue for entertainment, learning and socializing.

"For me, I think it is an amazing time where the kids get to socialize, you know being together, and come to know each other in this community. It also is an opportunity as a parent to get to know other spouses in this community," library patron Alimat Adeniyi said.



Librarian Rachel Bethel (left) teaches sculpting techniques to Michael, 12 (out of picture), Joseph, 10 (center), and Grace, 8 (right) during Casey Memorial Library's Color Your World summer reading program.

There is something for everyone this summer at Casey Memorial; adults, teens, and pre-readers can all participate by registering and logging their hours online at <https://forthoodcasey.beanstack.org>. In addition to the *Color Your World* programming and Facebook storytimes, the library is also producing take-home crafting kits every week in the Children's Room.

"Seeing their creations, and the excitement of the kids when they realize they can do something they never thought of before, or figure out how to do a particularly confusing part," Bethel said about her favorite part of teaching the program. "I love learning and creating things, and being able to share that and see that 'a-ha!' moment sparking is wonderful."

Librarian Rachel Bethel answers a craft question.



MARINE CORPS



Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

Iwakuni Library hosted Ikebana 101. The library was fortunate to have Professor Nobu Hiroshige from the Nobu school of Ikebana come teach a class. Nobu-sensei is world renowned for Ikebana and has taught all over the world! She has had recent exhibits in the Tokyo Museum of Art and was asked to make an arrangement for the Olympics. Nobu-sensei is pictured, left, in the grey kimono.



Above and right, Nobu-sensei helping participants at Ikebana 101. Also pictured in the photo above, staff member Yuri Okahara (back) participating.



Participants posing with their finished floral arrangements.



Ikebana 101 was a very popular program for 2021 Iwakuni Library summer reading participants. Right, students work on their floral arrangements and receive feedback from Nobu-sensei and her assistant Harada-san.





Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California



A young patron on MCAS Miramar, left, modeled her new T-shirt. In the photo on the right, another participant posed with her mother and her prize for being a Super Reader: a new bike! Below, one of the makerspace crafts that kids could take home with them.



Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona



Craft time on MCAS Yuma included (clock-wise from left) piñata construction, acrylic pour painting, and DIY make your own slime!



Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii



National Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington





Naval Submarine Base New London, Connecticut



Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia



AIR FORCE



Osan Air Base, South Korea



Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma

Prize-winning readers from Altus Air Force Base!





Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina

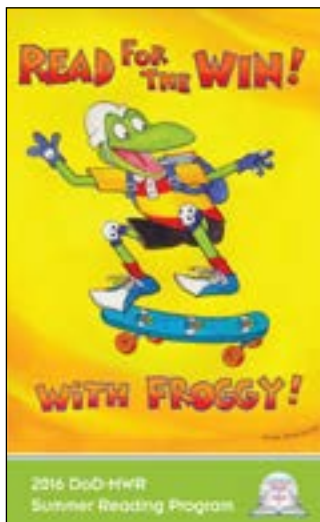
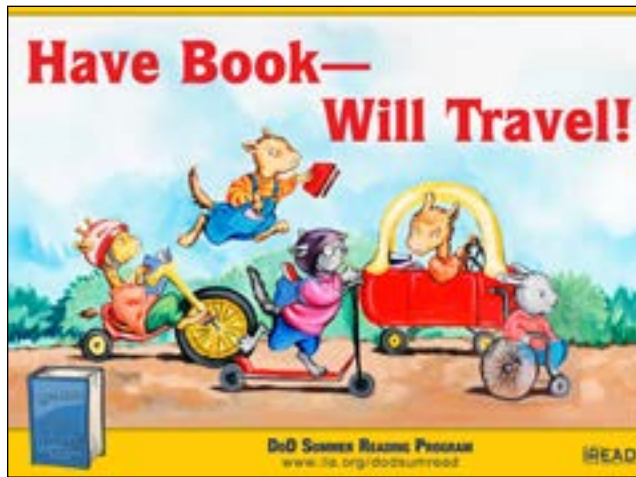
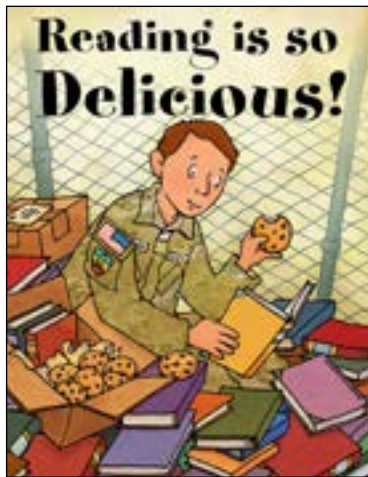
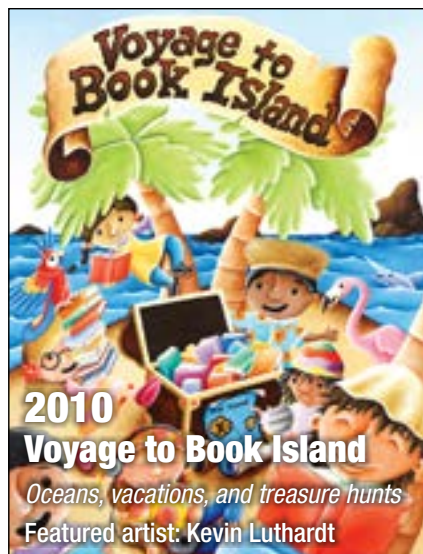
Bulletin boards and displays on Joint Base Charleston Libraries created a lot of excitement in the build-up to *Reading Colors Your World*. Patrons of all ages embraced the theme, exploring and learning about cultures, humanity, diversity, and inclusion during summer 2021.



Izmir Air Station, Turkey



DoD MWR Libraries
Summer Reading
Program Through
the Years





2018
Reading Takes You Everywhere!

Exploration, discovery, and adventure

Featured artist: Terri Murphy



2019
It's Showtime
at Your Library!

Movies, theater, dance, music

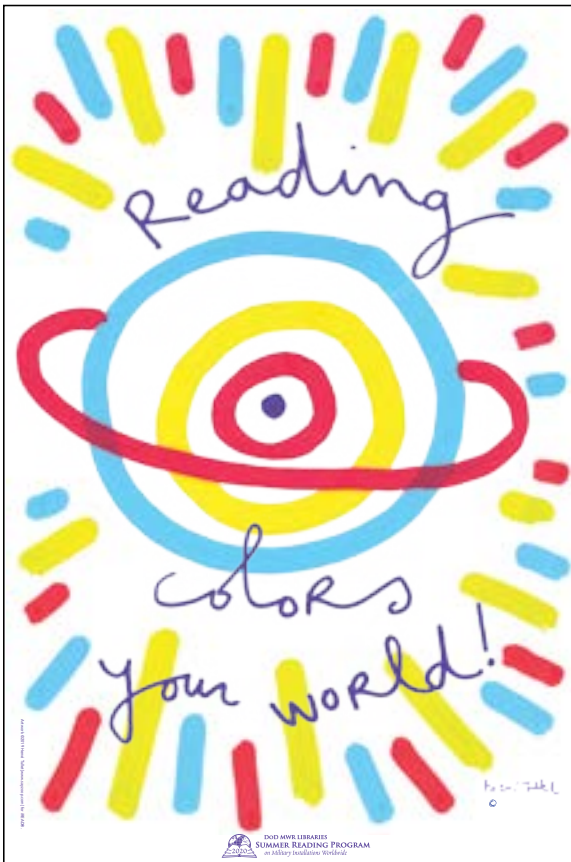
Featured artist: Kevan Atteberry



2020
Dig Deeper: Read,
Investigate, Discover

Investigation, discovering hidden information, and exploring mysteries

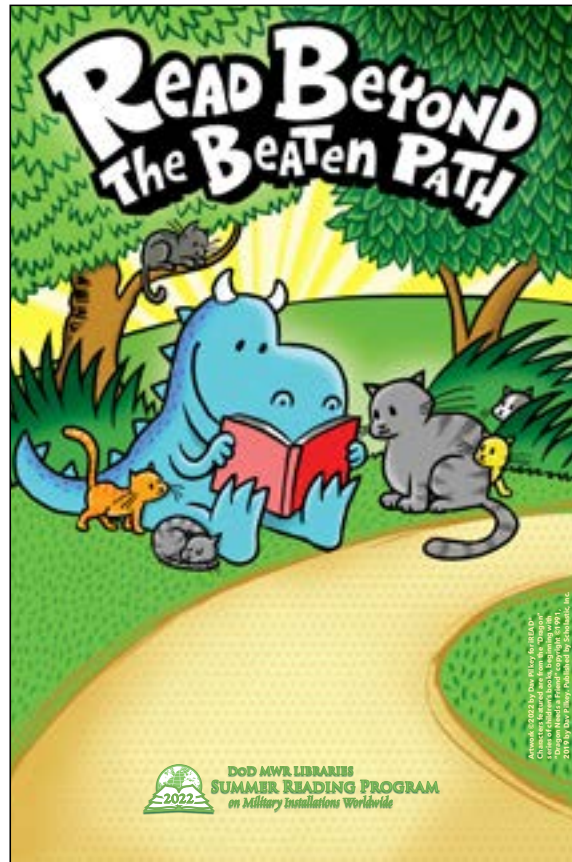
Featured artist: Rafael López



2021
Reading Colors Your World

Color science, art, creativity, kindness, growth, community

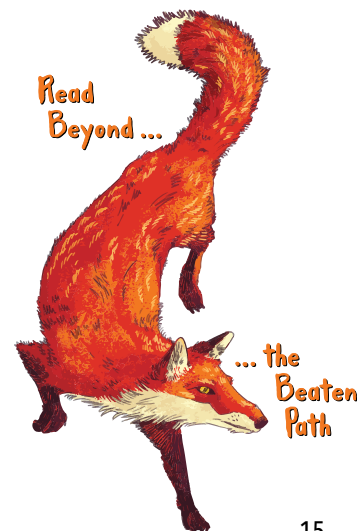
Featured artist: Hervé Tullet



2022 NEXT SUMMER!
Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Summer camp, nature, outdoor activities

Featured artist: Dav Pilkey



READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

coming in 2022



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM
on Military Installations Worldwide