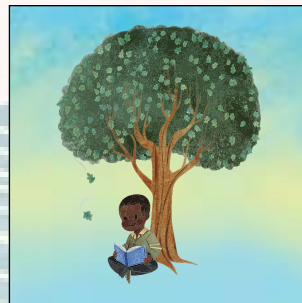


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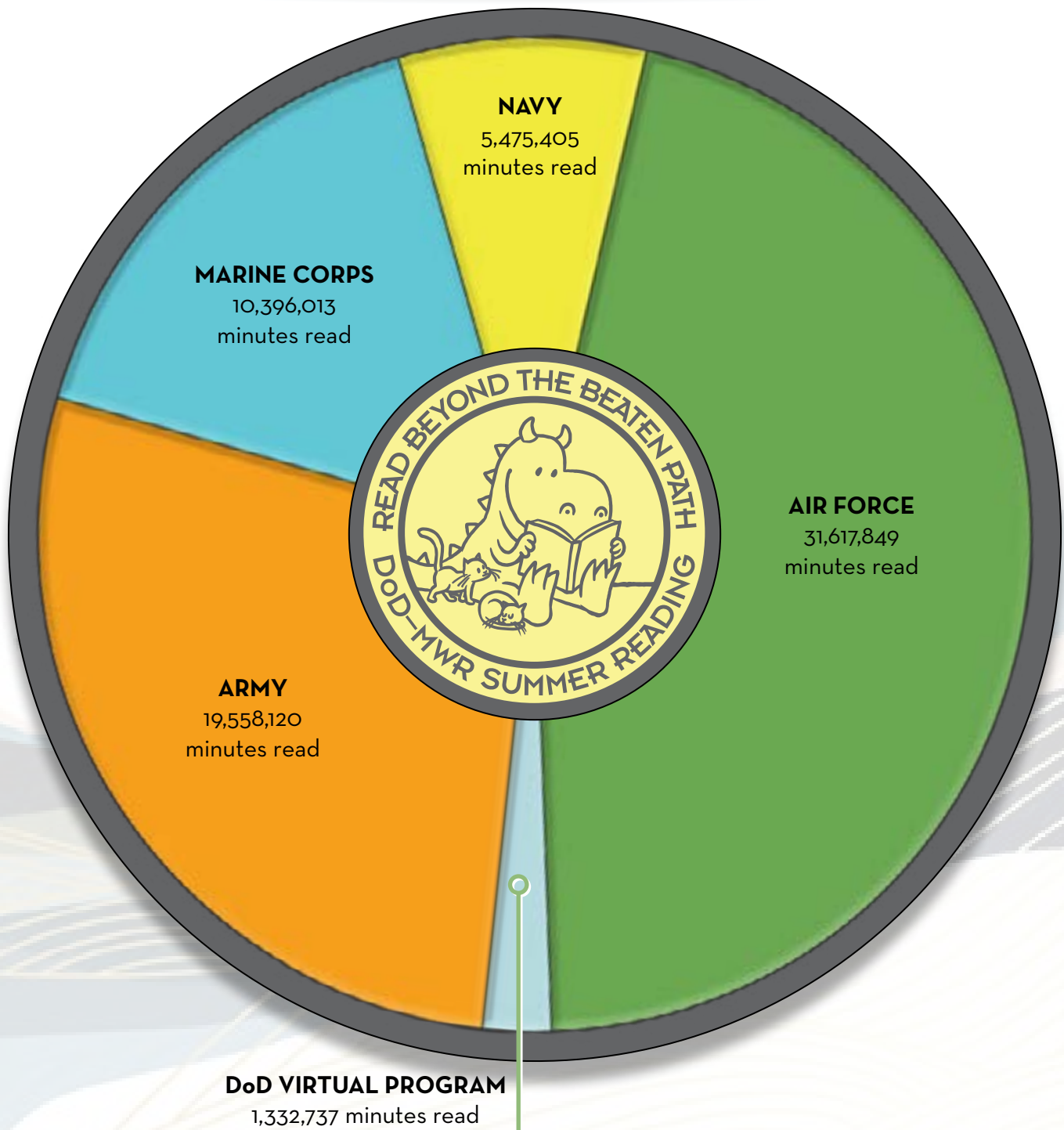


**DoD MWR LIBRARIES**  
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
*on Military Installations Worldwide*





**BY THE NUMBERS**  
*2022 DoD MWR Summer Reading Program Totals*



**68,380,124 minutes read**

*The equivalent of 130 years!*

# DoD MWR Librarians Venture *Beyond the Beaten Path*

## Iguanas and Skunks and Opossums, Oh My! Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico

Wild West Wildlife Rehabilitation Center from Amarillo, Texas, visited Cannon Library and brought a few ambassador animals with them: Ruby the Iguana, Stinkers the Skunk, Ophelia the Opossum, and a ten-foot-long reticulated python. Ambassador animals are animals that cannot be released back into the wild due to medical conditions, imprinting, etc. They are now used for educational purposes. It tied in perfectly with the *Read Beyond the Beaten Path* theme.

The first thing the rehabbers did before bringing out the animals was select four kids from the audience. Each child was blindfolded and guided to touch the tail of an animal a rehabber was holding. The child then had to guess what animal it was. It was hilarious because all of the other children could see the skunk (or whatever other animal) and were gasping and laughing! The rehabbers then talked to the families about the animals and common misconceptions about each, pointing out to participants that skunks and opossums are misunderstood creatures. It was great that military families were educated about how beneficial these animals truly are. At the end of the program, the rehabbers sat in chairs holding each of the animals and let the children come through to pet and take their photos with them. It was a fantastic program! A large group of active duty personnel from the fire department showed up in their fire truck *just* to see the animals.





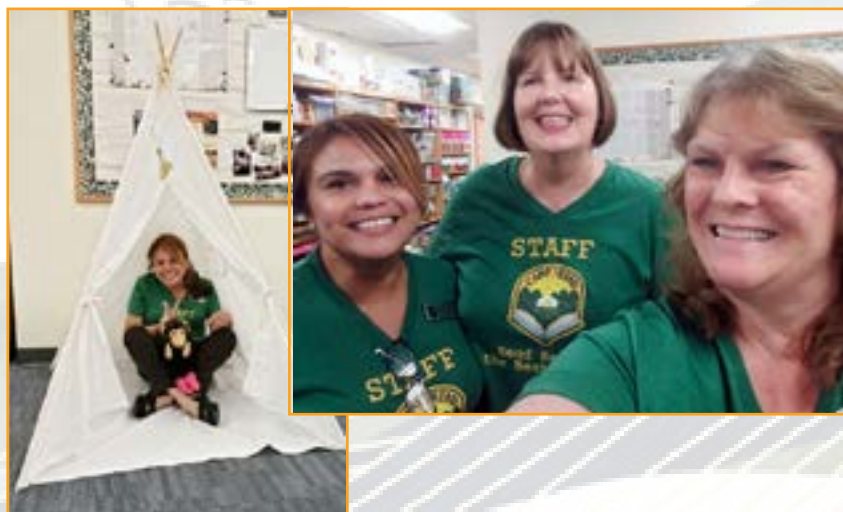
Left and Below: Librarians from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, show their colors!



Below: With a little help from a friend, DRAGON, 2022's Summer Reading Spokescritter, explores the area around Marine Corps Air Station Camp Lejeune-New River!



Below: Librarians from Joint Base San Antonio get ready to *Read Beyond the Beaten Path!*



Right: Librarians from Combined Arms Research Library, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, all dressed up and ready to read!





# AIR FORCE

## HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

### Holloman's Read *Beyond the Beaten Path* Summer Reading Program

*Story by Airman 1st Class Corinna Diaz, 49th Wing Public Affairs*

The Holloman Air Force Base library launched its annual reading program this summer. The program is a DoD-wide initiative to encourage children to read. While the theme is the same across all bases, each base library decides how to administer the program.

"Summer reading is for all ages, from babies all the way through adults; everybody is encouraged to sign up," said Lisa Collins, 49th Force Support Squadron library director. "I try to make sure everybody knows all the different ways that they can read to count their minutes."

For every 60 minutes a participant reads, they earn one library dollar. They can then spend their library dollars at the library store, which has prizes for readers of all ages.

Participants can earn points by reading to themselves, listening to audiobooks, studying for classes, or reading to others. If participants are traveling or away from base, they can still earn points by logging their minutes online and collecting prizes when they return.

"This is the first time we've opened up in the past two years to actually have programs inside of the library," Collins said. "We've already exceeded our numbers from the end of last year. It's only the third week of summer reading and we've already increased by 74 percent."

The program has expanded to include a storytime and arts and craft activity for children each week.

Katie Curtis, 49th Force Support Squadron library aide, said that each library staff member has worked to create a craft for the children who attend the storytime in order to boost involvement in the program.



## JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY



## JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, RANDOLPH LIBRARY



Weekly LEGO  
Tournament Challenge



Weekly LEGO Tournament Challenge



Galaxy Slime Craft



Camping  
Bingo



Guess How  
Many?  
Contest  
Winners



Summer Reading Crafts



Dream Catcher Craft

## OSAN AIR BASE, SOUTH KOREA





# ARMY

## ARMY GARRISON CAMP DARBY, ITALY

### Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Families

It sounds like the beginning of a joke: Two sisters walk into a library...but it's no joke, it's a story.

Concetta has always been a stong reader while her younger sister, Vivian, didn't like to read. Before this summer, their mother and father (who is a Commander of a large unit at Camp Darby) had tried several strategies to encourage Vivian. Their mother registered them with the DoD MWR Summer Reading Program and on the Beanstack website for tracking minutes read. Charting her minutes on the website stimulated Vivan to begin reading with enthusiasm.

Bravo! And congratulations to Concetta and Vivian for a summer well spent.



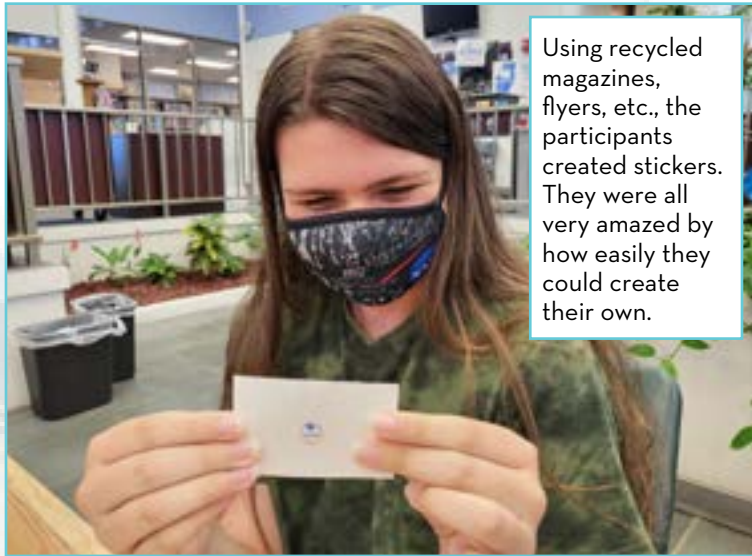
## ARMY GARRISON FORT GORDON, GEORGIA



Kids worked together in an exciting science experiment, using baking soda, vinegar, and food coloring. After mixing the ingredients, a very colorful "eruption" was experienced by all participants.



Teens and adults worked together in creating seedpods, using recycled paper.



Using recycled magazines, flyers, etc., the participants created stickers. They were all very amazed by how easily they could create their own.



After a brief training on how to use the Cricut craft machine to create cute little reader bags—using HTV (heat transfer vinyl) and a pressing machine—participants created their own reader bags.

## ARMY GARRISON BAVARIA, HOHENFELS, GERMANY





# MARINE CORPS

## MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, SAN DIEGO



## MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VIRGINIA



# MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, JAPAN

## WALKING STORYTIME



## NATURE CALLIGRAPHY



# MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, ARIZONA

Nebula in a Jar



Forest Canvas Painting



Makerspace Club: Animal Crossing Perler Beads



Messy Art for Tots





**NAVY**

**NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**



**NAVAL AIR STATION  
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS**



**NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY  
HAMPTON ROADS, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**



## NAVAL BASE GUAM

Superhero Day



Storytime



Fun Run



Fun Run



## NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Foam Fun



Foam Fun



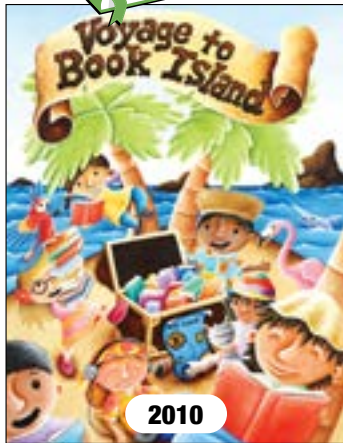
Creature Teacher Day



Zoofari Day



# DoD MWR LIBRARIES SUMMER READING POSTERS



2010

## Voyage to Book Island

Oceans, vacations, and treasure hunts

Featured artist: Kevin Luthardt

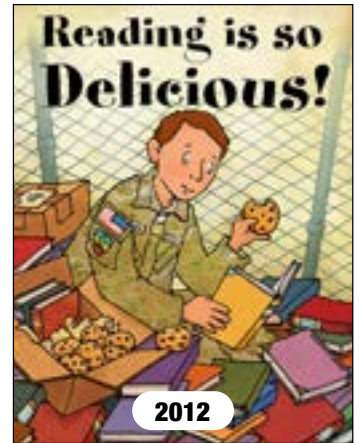


2011

## A Midsummer Knight's Read

Medieval times and fantasy

Featured artist: David Catrow

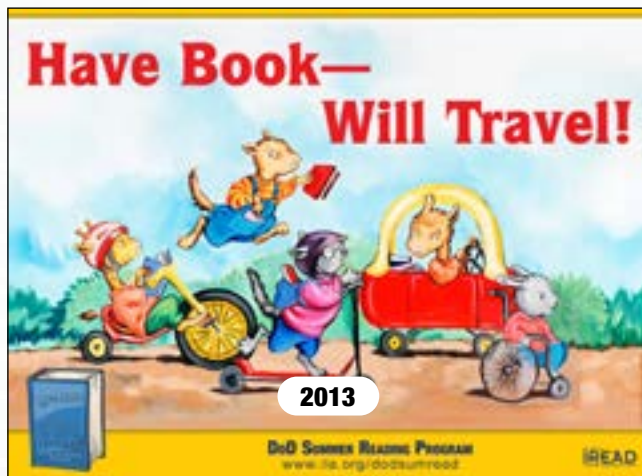


2012

## 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

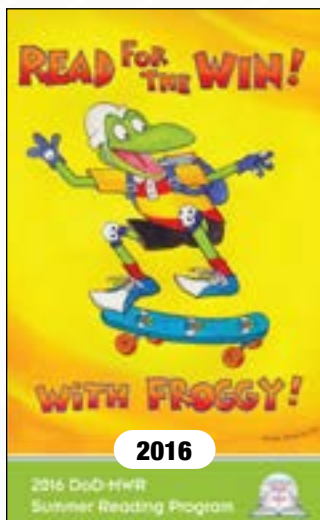


2015

## 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

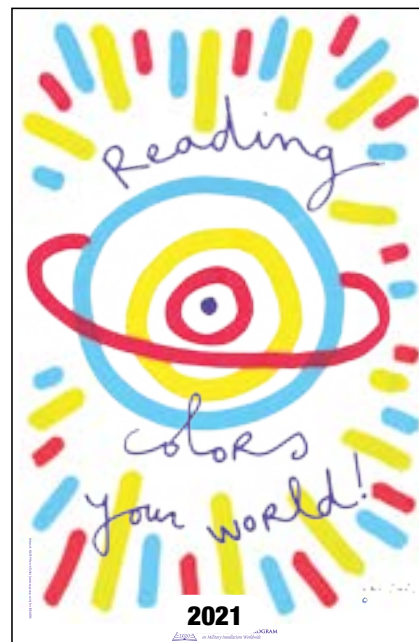


### It's Showtime at Your Library!

*Movies, theater, dance, music*  
Featured artist: Kevan Atteberry

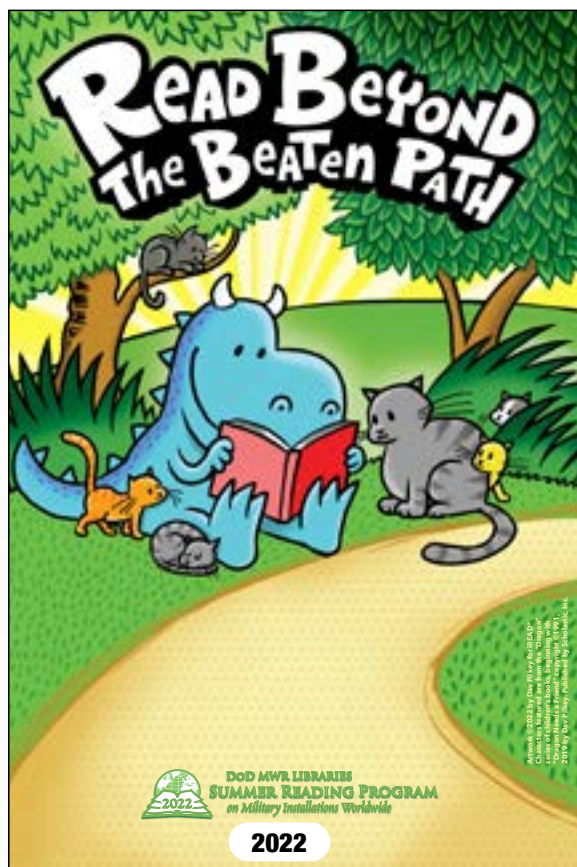


**Dig Deeper:**  
**Read, Investigate, Discover**  
*Investigation, discovering hidden information,  
and exploring mysteries*  
Featured artist: Rafael López



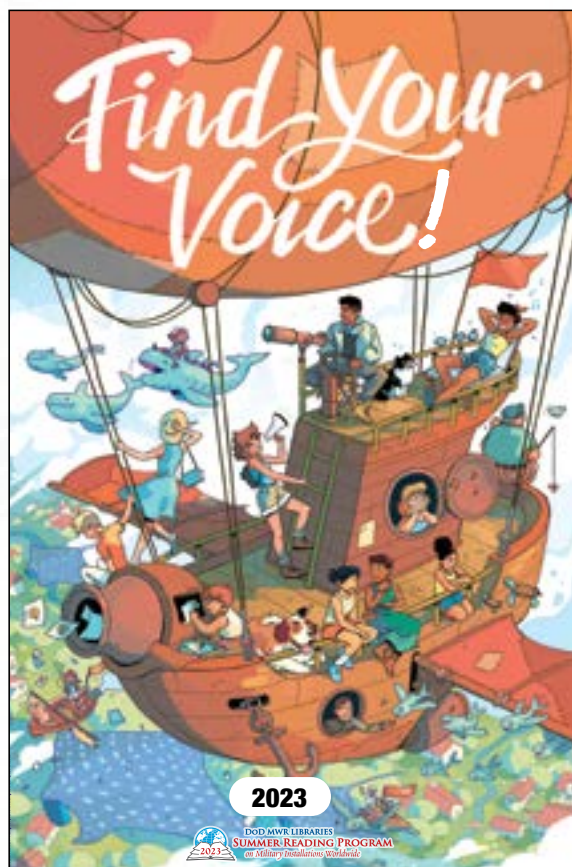
### Reading Colors Your World!

*Color science, art, creativity,  
kindness, growth, community*  
Featured artist: Hervé Tullet



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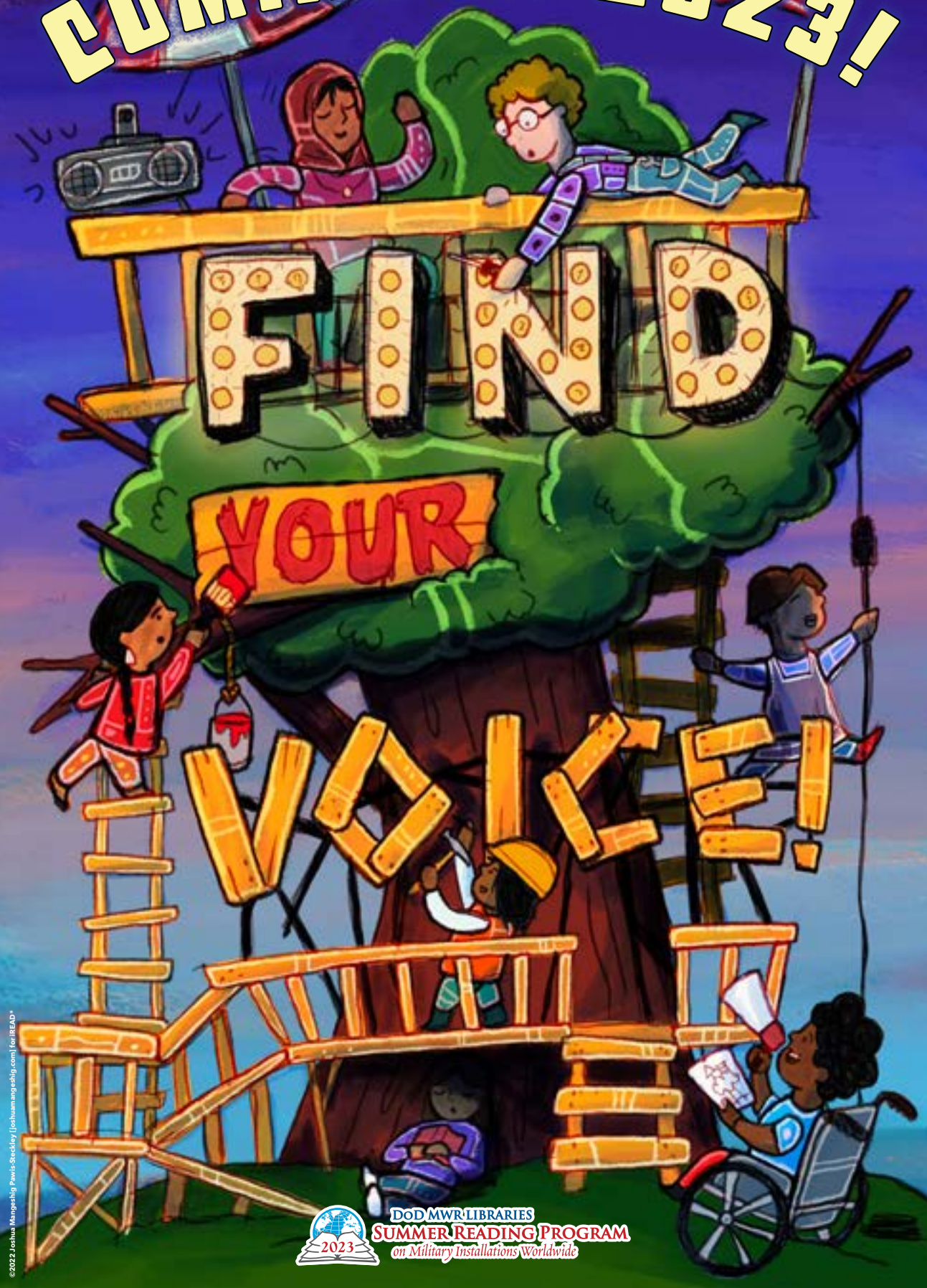
*Summer camp, nature, outdoor activities*  
Featured artist: Dav Pilkey



### Find Your Voice!

*Expression through words, music, and art*  
Teen artist: Hannah Templer

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