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NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES 2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS

Newport Beach, CA (April 18, 2018) –Newport Beach Public Library will kick off the 2018 Summer Reading Program beginning June 23 at the Central Library and Balboa and Mariners Branch Libraries.

The Children’s Summer Reading Program will run from June 23 to August 11 with the theme “Reading Takes You Everywhere!” Children can pick up game sheets at all of the Newport Beach libraries beginning June 23. Participants are encouraged to read throughout the summer and can earn prizes by turning in their game sheets and book reviews at the library. A special opening day celebration, featuring Kids Imagine Nation, will be held at the Central Library on Saturday, June 23 at 11 a.m. in the Central Library Friends Room, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach.

Other special programs, including magic shows, science programs, live animals encounters and other creative craft and activity programs, are scheduled weekly at Newport Beach Public Library locations; Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue; Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue; and the Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd. A complete calendar of events is available online at www.newportbeachlibrary.org. The library also offers Summer Reading Programs for teens and adults.

For more information, contact children’s services at the Central Library (949) 717-3830.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 23 – AUGUST 11, 2018

Summer Reading Program Begins

Saturday, June 23 - All locations

Sign up kids through 6th grade in the library's Summer Reading Program, where they spend time reading, enjoying shows and crafts and earning prizes. Check out the weekly fun events at each NBPL branch! There are also Summer Reading Programs for teens and adults, just ask a librarian for details.

SRP Kick Off Event with Kids Imagine Nation

Saturday, June 23, 11am, Central Library Friends Room, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Party with Kids Imagine Nation at this interactive musical show for the entire family. Don't forget to pick up your Summer Reading game sheet and start your reading adventure. Bon voyage!

Billy Bonkers Magic

Monday, June 25, 2pm and 4pm, Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, June 26, 10am & 12pm, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, June 28, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Go bonkers with Billy Bonkers' Magic show! Billy's silly magic presentation will delight children of all ages. Begin our Summer Reading Program of "Reading Takes You Everywhere" with this fun event.

Let's Go to Asia Crafts

Monday, July 2, 2pm, Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 3, 10am, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, July 5, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Explore the continent of Asia through a variety of crafts. There will be activities for every skill level, so the whole family can enjoy making crafts.

Polynesian Paradise Dancers

Monday, July 9, 2pm & 4pm, Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 10, 10am & 12pm, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, July 12, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Feel the rhythm of Hawai'i and the Polynesian islands as you experience island culture through dance. All ages will enjoy watching the dancers perform in their gorgeous costumes. Families can also participate in a hula lesson, using dance to create a story of Hawai'i's history and tropical landscape.

Let's Go to Africa Crafts

Monday, July 16, 2pm, Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 17, 10am, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, July 19, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Explore various regions and tribes of the continent of Africa through a variety of crafts. There will be activities for every skill level, so children of all ages will enjoy the crafts.

Flights of Fantasy Story Theater

Monday, July 23, 2pm & 4pm, Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 24, 10am & 12pm, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, July 26, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Watch "From the Page to the Stage," folktales from around the world come to life with memorable characters, props, and costumes. This unique interactive storytelling experience captivates all ages, so bring the whole family!

Let's Go to South America Crafts

Monday, July 30, 2pm, Mariners Branch Library, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 31, 10am, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, August 2, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Explore the continent of South America through a variety of crafts. There will be activities for every skill level.

The Ocean Adventure

Monday, August 6, 2pm & 4pm, Mariners Branch, 1300 Irvine Avenue, Newport Beach

Tuesday, August 7, 10am & 12pm, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Thursday, August 9, 11am, Balboa Branch Library, 100 E. Balboa Blvd., Newport Beach

Visit the home of Nemo the fish...Australia's Great Barrier Reef! Join Wayne and Karen Brown, naturalists and award-winning underwater photographers, as they share the wonders of their Australian expeditions through videos, storytelling, and life-sized props.

Pacific Animal Productions & SRP Finishers' Party

Saturday, August 11, 11am, Central Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach

Join us for a live animal show and finishers' party at the Central Library. Pacific Animal Productions will take you on one last adventure as we meet animals from around the world! Summer Reading participants from every branch are invited to attend, and all finishers from every branch will be honored. Afterward, share a special treat with us in the Bamboo Courtyard to celebrate your accomplishments!