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Waukee Public Library "Builds Up" to Summer Reading Program

Waukee, **lowa** — The Waukee Public Library Summer Reading Program kicks off May 26! This year's theme is "Build a Better World!". It focuses on engineering and being caring citizens. All ages of children, teens and adults can read or listen to books and turn in reading logs. At the end of the summer, participants will be entered to win prizes. Reading logs can be picked up at the library, located at 950 Warrior Lane. Participants may also register and log hours online at WaukeeLibrary.Beanstack.org.

"Summer reading helps students retain and improve reading skills," said Youth Services Librarian Keri Weston-Stoll. "We think by providing incentives and fun activities related to reading, we can help encourage summertime reading, but not just for students – for people of all ages."

In addition to reading, this year's program is engineering-related. Library staff members have planned "Friday Family Fun Time" each week to celebrate. Every Friday at 10 a.m. they will host interactive family-friendly performances, held at the library:

- June 9: See cool experiments and learn the science behind them in Absolute Science.
- June 16: Desirae Payne performs magic tricks and teaches about other countries.
- June 23: World for Wildlife with the Blank Park Zoo
- June 30: Learn the magic of improv as Blueprint Theater turns words into action.
- July 7: Catch a sneakily educational concert from Macaroni Soup!
- July 14: Enjoy the adventure-filled puppet show "lowa Jones," featuring local talent.
- July 21: Learn about famous building blunders with the Science Center of Iowa.
- July 28: Drop in for 45 minutes of fun magic with Jonathan May.

The Summer Reading Program line-up features fun events for teens and adults, too! For a complete schedule, visit WaukeePublicLibrary.org.

This free program is made possible with generous support from the Waukee Fareway.

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The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2016 alone, nearly 110,000 visitors walked through the library doors and 183,000 items were checked out. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space and computer access, the Waukee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enlighten Waukee area citizens of all ages.