



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**May 6, 2019**

**Contact:**

Summer Evans  
Marketing & Communications Director | City of Waukee  
O: 515-978-7905 M: 515-865-9882  
[sevans@Waukee.org](mailto:sevans@Waukee.org)

**Waukee's Summer Reading Program is Out of This World**

**Waukee, Iowa** — "Explore the Universe" at the Waukee Public Library this summer! All ages of children, teens and adults can read or listen to books and earn prizes from June 1-July 31 with the annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme – "Explore the Universe" – is focused on space. There will be many fun programs and events held throughout the summer.

"Summer reading helps students retain and improve reading skills, and it helps keep adult minds fresh as well," said Youth Services Librarian Keri Weston-Stoll. "We think by providing incentives and fun activities related to reading, we can help encourage reading enjoyment for those of all ages."

Participants can register now in-person at the library or online at [waukeelibrary.beanstack.org](http://waukeelibrary.beanstack.org). Reading logs are available at that same link or in-person at the library.

The Waukee Public Library will host kick-off events in early June. On loan from NASA June 4-July 25, visitors can see the photography exhibit "Extravehicular Activity" (EVA) which showcases 20 of the most iconic photos of EVAs throughout U.S. space history. The gallery opens to the public June 4 at 6 p.m. That same night, a presentation about the technology of the Apollo Moon Program will take place at 6:30 p.m. Families can also take part in Space Warrior Academy on June 7 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The free Summer Reading Program is made possible with generous support from the University of Iowa Community Credit Union. A full list of events can be found at [waukeepubliclibrary.org](http://waukeepubliclibrary.org).

**###**

*The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2018 alone, nearly 119,000 visitors walked through the library doors and nearly 185,000 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. Visit [waukeepubliclibrary.org](http://waukeepubliclibrary.org).*