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Summer Reading Program Finale Wraps up Summer for Kids

The Summer Reading Program Finale on August 6 featured puppets, juggling, ukulele music, stories, a presentation from wildlife biologist Tim Shields, rockets, hot dogs, prizes, and books for everyone. With over a hundred people attending, the only thing that could have been better was the weather: the light rain brought the celebration indoors at the library instead of at Tlingit Playground as planned. Teen volunteers helped coordinators Holly Davis and Jolanta Ryan decorate, clean up, shoot stills and videos, and even put a short piece of the celebration up on youtube.com under “Haines Summer Reading Finale.”



Kids watch as rocket-launching technique is de-

New Afterschool Series on Cold Water Safety Aims to Prevent Drownings



Wesley Verhamme, second grader, learns about “Throw, don’t go” and how to tie the line to a cleat before throwing it to a person

A local eighth grade boy drowned this summer while swimming with friends on a sunny day at the beach in downtown Haines. The power of cold water is easy for kids to underestimate. Because Haines is surrounded by cold water, kids here need to know about how to be safe and help their friends be safe. In a 10-week series this fall called “Mostly Dry Water Safety”, the afterschool program kids are learning basic ways to be smart around cold water. We use hands-on experiments like the bucket of ice water with pennies at the bottom (how many pennies can you pick up one at a time before your fingers stop functioning?). Kids learn easy-to-remember phrases like the 50-50 rule: in 50 degree water, a person has a 50% chance of making it 50 yards. These kids will be able to apply their knowledge to real life situations as they make safer choices around the water.

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Gardeners’ Club beautifies library landscape

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Healthy Habits Promoted in Program Series about Food

Jolanta Ryan organized a three-part series on healthy eating this fall. First, Jennifer Nu, Cooperative Extension Service Agent from Fairbanks, presented how to save money on healthy food and plan meals. Then Roxie Distel, also a Cooperative Extension Service Agent from Fairbanks, taught old-fashioned canning and other preservation methods. Last, a raw food program of sharing favorite foods and recipes gave raw food enthusiasts and those who were curious a chance to share recipes and ask questions about raw food in Haines. Books and DVDs on raw food were displayed.



Summer Reading Program puppeteers show puppets & books. Back row: Luke, Ellery, Octavia, Marty, Quynn, and Rachel Front row: Sierra, Jordan, Mark, John Caleb, and Nathan

Puppeteers Read to Perform their Puppet Shows

To put on a great show, puppeteers used songs, jokes, and dramatic stories. Where did they get this material? They found it at the library! Each week puppeteers took a field trip beyond the children's room into the large non-fiction section in the "adult" room. They found joke books, collections of songs, and inspirations for wonderfully entertaining puppet shows, enjoyed by other puppeteers and family.

Fall into a good book

Science Fun Gives Kids Chances to Experiment



At the Summer Reading Program Finale, the Fun Science group shot off the rockets they had been working on this summer with Jolanta Ryan.

This summer the Science Fun group focused on different kinds of rockets. One thing they learned was how Newton's three laws of motion apply to rockets. The kids discovered how important a rocket's nose cone is to the rocket being able to move through the air. They were surprised to see the rocket go so high so fast. It disappeared from view and then reappeared a few minutes later.



The rocket blasts off with solid fuel power and goes approximately 1,000 feet in the air. It comes down slowly, thanks to its parachute.

Schools and Library Collaborate to Make Year Great for All

What are the ways the school and library help each other? This summer the school loaned the library a whole standing rack of books that are perfect for kids who are just past beginning chapter books but not yet to longer and harder chapter books. The school loaned the library 25 ukuleles and the rolling cupboard to lock them in.

The school has been supportive with information and loans of supplies to help make the science fun time as educational and successful as possible.

How does the library help the school? The extra Spanish books that were too advanced for the students in the summer

Knowledge = power

Spanish time have been loaned to the school. Teachers call the library requesting books on a subject, and the librarians pull books for their classes. Kindergarten comes every other week for a story time at the library, as does the Chilkat Valley Preschool.

The school and library working together do more than either could do alone.

Accelerated Reader Gets Kids Reading More Books

Accelerated Reader is a computer program to encourage reading that is used around the country by schools and libraries. Kids like the satisfaction of taking a quiz on the computer and getting their results immediately. If they answer at least 60% of the questions correctly, they pass the quiz and win a ticket that enters them in the drawing at the end of the season.

Accelerated Readers gets kids reading more books that they might not otherwise choose because they start looking for the little blue Accelerated Reader sticker on the book that indicates there is a quiz for that book. The books that have quizzes are often classics or honor-winning titles. This summer 14 kids passed 68 quizzes.



Rachel, winner of the summer Accelerated Reader drawing for \$10 loves reading and has read many books. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for contributing the prize.

Survey Results

91% of responders say they have learned something at the library this summer.
87% say they read more.
91% say they use a skill they've learned at the library in their daily lives.
95% say their quality of life has improved because of library programs.

Quotes from children in August 6 survey:

"I used to not read so much now I read a lot."

"I have read a lot to start with, but I read even more now!"

Summer Detective Time Requires Listening and Deductive Skills



Kids enjoyed listening and solving mysteries every Wednesday at 1 P.M. this summer as Holly Davis read aloud three chapters from Donald J. Sobol's classic Encyclopedia Brown books. Everyone had to listen closely to the clues in order to solve the mystery before master sleuth Encyclopedia. Sometimes the detail

might be as small as remember that there is no such thing as June 31st, or knowing that the only reason the sailor would say, "When the police brought me back to the restaurant" was that the sailor had been to the restaurant before, which he had denied when he said he'd never been there before in his life. The clues were hidden in the story, and kids did a great job of working together to figure out what really happened.



Alaska Knitters Get Creative with Yarn



Lydia's warm fuzzy

This summer the Alaska Knitters' Club worked on a variety of yarn projects. They started with ball-making, which was more challenging for some of the younger ones than an adult might expect it would be. The next project was one-finger crochet. Then those who were ready moved on to four-finger crochet and knitting with knitting needles.

The knitting supplies were loaned to the library from the school, where a Knitting Club has been in progress year-round as part of the school library's after-school program. Several teachers have also taken advantage of the opportunity to let their students learn to knit. The benefits to the children include

right-left brain activation, making reading easier, and improved hand-eye coordination, especially fine motor control, which makes writing easier. The confidence that comes from being able to make something is also great.



Additional yarn projects include making octopi, warm fuzzies, and old-fashioned yarn dolls.

Fairytale Theater Makes Public Speaking Fun and Easy for Kids Performing Well-known Tales



The number #1 fear in America, supposedly greater than the fear of death, is the fear of public speaking. Kids are getting a chance to become comfortably with that at an early age as they act out well-known stories like *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Hansel and Gretel* during the summer's fairytale theater. With costumes and storyteller Holly Davis, these first performances are easy and fun for the kids and audience.



Teens Volunteer, Read, and Win

Eight teens read 98 books that they entered for the Teens Read prize drawing this summer. There were eight winners.

Teens volunteered at the set up and clean up of the Summer Reading Program finale, which

made it possible to have the balloons and streamers, books displayed for the book give-away, hot dogs, cookies, and lemonade for the lunch, and a clean library after it was all over. The energy and hard work of the teens was appreciated very much!



Adult Reading Program Back for the First Time Since 1988

In 1988, the library did a reading-incentive program for kids and adults called "Chilkat Valley Reads Around the World." This summer, back by request, the library hosted a reading program for adults where they could enter their name and the title of the book they read for a chance to win one of several prizes at the end of the summer. Prizes included bookmarks that said "Water Your Mind: Read!" The bookmarks had wildflower seeds embedded in them; you plant and water them, and they grow. There were also coffee mugs that said, "Make Waves at Your Library" and little book lights that said the same.