Tennessee First Lady’s Statewide Summer Read

Instructions for Libraries

Thank you for helping us to encourage Tennessee children to read over the summer! We hope that this Statewide Summer Reading Competition results in more kids reading more books during their hiatus from school, and we also hope it results in more children and families visiting our local libraries over the summer break.

For our librarians and library volunteers, we ask that you share this program with children who visit your library branch starting now and throughout the summer. We encourage our libraries to post these materials in a visible location, and to have copies of the Guidelines and Reading Log printed to pass out to children and families who visit your branch. Please help us to spread the word about this program!

In addition to distributing materials at the onset of the program, we are asking our library branches to help us collect our top reader information! The children participating in the program are instructed to return their Reading Log Packet to their local library branch. We will rely on our libraries to collect these logs, determine the top reader of the branch, and turn in that reader’s Reading Log Packet to the Office of the First Lady. From there, the Office of the First Lady will determine and announce Tennessee’s top 100 summer readers, who will be invited (along with one parent or guardian) to the Tennessee Residence for a celebratory Kids State Dinner!

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SAVE THE DATES!

Today – Libraries can begin distributing competition materials to children and families. Post the Competition Flyer in a visible location, and distribute copies of the Competition Guidelines and Reading Log Packet to children and families. Help spread the word!

June 1 – The First Lady’s Summer Reading Competition begins!

July 28 – Reading Log Packets must be submitted to the child’s local public library branch.

August 2 – Each library branch must submit their top reader’s Reading Log Packet to Crissy.Haslam@tn.gov by this date. You will select your top reader by the TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES READ during the program, identified on the front page of the reading packet. Please select the reader with the highest amount of minutes read.

August 4 – Tennessee’s Top 100 Summer Readers are announced & notified
*The Office of the First Lady will contact each winning student’s parent or guardian via email*

August 18 – Kids State Dinner celebrating Tennessee’s Top 100 Summer Readers is hosted at the Tennessee Residence in Nashville, TN. Each invited child will attend along with one parent or guardian for an evening of celebration and festivities to reward readers’ hard work!

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