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Pueblo Library District's Summer Reading off to a roaring start

PUEBLO, Colo. — It's shaping up to be a dino-mite summer for Pueblo youth. Pueblo City-County Library District's (PCCLD) annual Summer Reading program is in full swing with more than 3,000 completed reading trackers turned in.

"Summer Reading is so important for keeping kids engaged and helping prevent the summer slide. We love seeing the excitement when they turn in their game boards to win great prizes and earn entries into our grand prize drawings," PCCLD Youth Services Manager Rachel Salazar said.

Pueblo County youth ages 0 to 18 are eligible to participate by checking out five books and doing one of the listed activities. Reading trackers, or game boards, can be picked up and turned in at any PCCLD location.

Up to two completed game boards can be turned in per day. Participants are awarded a prize plus a coupon to a local business for every game board submitted. Twenty-five businesses throughout Pueblo have donated more than 22,000 coupons for free food or summer-related activities.

Each completed game board is also an entry for the weekly grand prize drawing. So far, the lucky winners have been awarded a pool party

package for 20 guests, courtesy of the Pueblo Parks and Recreation Department, and a \$50 gift card to Little Caesars.

This year's dinosaur-themed literacy campaign also offers weekly crafts and activities at each PCCLD location. Programs are age-appropriate and are free.

Designed to help young readers build confidence while encouraging the joy of reading, the Summer Reading program builds early literacy skills and keeps school-age youth engaged and ready for the upcoming school year.

"Keep up the great work and continue to turn in those game boards and visit your library for engaging programs, free lunch and more," Salazar continued.

To learn more about Summer Reading visit, pueblolibrary.org/summerreading.

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