

Color Our World

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New Ulm Public Library's summer reading program, "Color Our World" begins on Monday, June 9 and goes through August 3. The summer reading program is open to ages from birth to those entering their high school senior year.

This year's reading logs will be available for pick up in the library starting Friday, June 6. Children up to the age of eleven can pick up a reading log in the children's room. Read at least 20 minutes a day for six days of the week to fulfill the reading goal. Each week they can stop by the children's desk to check in with their logs and get a stamp and receive a small prize.

Teens who are twelve years old, to those who are entering their senior year of high school in the fall of 2025 may pick up their logs at the service desk. Teens need to read at least 30 minutes each day for a week to meet their reading goal. They will record their reading each week and can turn their logs in at the end of the program to receive their prize package; there is no need to check in each week.

There are several activities to keep you busy at the library this summer. Storytime with Ms. Kathryn and Pajama Party Storytime will begin the week of June 9. Friday's Special Storytime will be offered once a month. Twice a month the library will offer movies on Friday afternoon. This summer there are two programs you need to register for: Creative Kids for those entering kindergarten and first grade in the fall and Wacky Wonders for those entering second to fifth grade in the fall. Junior Video Game Club will be offered twice a month for gamers in second to fifth grade. Please register for just one of those times each month. Teen Video Game Club is for students entering sixth through twelfth grade and needs no registration. Join us for the Mixed Nuts comedy duo as they present a family-friendly slap stick program. The library will host Riffin Griffin with New Ulm Park and Recreation for a Concert in the Park. Pick up a summer reading program brochure in the children's room for times and dates of the programs mentioned above or check out www.newulmlibrary.org for more information and to register. If you have any questions about the summer reading program or summer programming, you may call the library at 507-359-8331.

The community check out goal this summer is 25,000 items checked out of the library in just eight weeks. Visit the library each week to check out books to help with our community check out goals and to help you fill up your reading log. If we reach our goal of 25,000 items checked out, the library will purchase a new gizmo or gadget for children and teens to explore at the library.

Summer reading participants can turn in their reading logs between Monday, August 4 and Saturday, August 9. Early or late reading logs will not be accepted. Children and teens who complete their reading logs by the end of eight weeks will be invited to choose a free book, fill out an entry ticket for a grand prize, choose a temporary tattoo, and vote for a summer reading library prize.

Please ask at the children's desk if there is something you're looking for and can't find right away; we're here to help. Check out our monthly programming calendar too. We offer a variety of activities for all ages, from story time to book club for teens. You can find more information on our website at www.newulmlibrary.org on the Library Events page.

The library is located at 17 N. Broadway and is open to the public Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. The library will be closed on June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.