

Summer time at the New Ulm Public Library
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Summer is the busiest time in most children's areas of a library. It is a whirlwind of activity each day that helps most of us sleep well at night. Whether it is planning and presenting story times, selecting and preparing a new craft and scavenger hunt, changing out displays, picking up Legos, re-shelving books, pulling together supplies for our next program, picking up more Legos. Or signing up, checking in, and finishing up the summer reading program participants, buying books and materials, picking up some more Legos, weeding the collection, and answering reference questions, there is always something to do here.

It has been so much fun to see so many books fly off the shelves as soon as school was out. I have never been happier to say that there was not one copy of any of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books on our shelves. I have been enjoying the bustling time when our local day camps come to visit, bringing life to the room first thing in the morning. And, I have to say, I am a bit sad that a lot of what makes our days busy will be coming to an end soon.

On July 31st our summer reading program will end, meaning that will be the last day to finish up the program. Please come in to complete the program with at least 30 days of reading recorded on your Universe of Stories reading record. We would love to give all of our participants their finishing gifts and a chance to win a grand prize. Grand prize drawings will be pulled in mid-August and the winners will be notified by phone or email. We will also raffle off many of our inflatable decoration and the sock aliens, once they are all back from vacation at the end of August. Anyone who has entered the grand prize drawing by finishing the summer reading program will be eligible to win one.

Children's programming and story time will take a big break throughout the month of August. We will begin our fall session of story time September 9th at 10 am in the Children's room. Story times will continue to be held on Monday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Lego Club will end for the summer this week on Thursday, July 25th. It will be back on the schedule starting September 19th, once a month on the third Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

It's been a busy time here for my first summer reading program in New Ulm, but I have had a great time getting to know the kids and families that visit the library often. I hope you all have a wonderful and fun-filled time before Labor Day and school starts again. See you at the library!