

Botetourt County Library Summer Reading Program

Botetourt County Library is planning an exciting summer reading program with great performers, cool prizes, and fun for all ages. Reading is the library's main focus. The library would like as many people as possible to come to the library, check out books and other library materials, and participate in the program. The Friends of the Library are providing the top prizes, which include: A \$100 gift card to Toys R Us for children up through grade 5, a Kindle HD Fire for young adults from 6th grade to 12th grade, and two nights for two at a bed and breakfast in Asheville, NC plus tickets to the Biltmore estate for the adult prize winner.

People can start reading books for the program as early as June 1 and continue through the end of July. Children under the age of eight are required to read 5 hours to be eligible for prizes and children from age 8 up through those about to enter 6th grade must read 10 hours. Young adults are asked to read a book of their choice and then write a brief 2 or 3 sentence review on a form that also serves as an entry form. They may read as many books as they wish and enter for each book read. Young adults are teens who have just completed 6th grade up through those who have just graduated from high school. Adults follow the same format as young adults. Read a book, write a brief review, and turn in the form. An entry may be submitted for each book read. Winners for all of the grand prizes will be chosen by random drawing.

Performances for children will take place at all four of the library's locations. Every performer will appear at least once at all of the libraries. The schedule is as follows:

June 17-20 - Pete and Sam - The Pig Brothers - a musical puppet show

June 25-27 - Michael Chamberlin - a magic show

July 2 & 3 - Feature film - Film title has not yet been chosen

July 9-11 - Mill Mountain Zoo - presentation by a zookeeper with live animals from Mill Mountain Zoo

July 16-18 - Andres Salguero - Lively interactive music and more

July 23-25 - Matt Sandbank- Shadow Puppets

As an added feature, the Little Critters Traveling Petting Zoo is scheduled to make appearances at our branches as part of the summer fun!

All library programs are free! Please come, read, and enjoy!