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**Kids keep reading skills sharp and stay cool with THE BEST SUMMER at the library**

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 7/15/19 — While we may be feeling the heat outside, local families have learned the best way to stay COOL this summer—summer reading fun at the library!

The St. Johns County Public Library System’s summer reading program, **The Best Summer**, is taking off with capacity crowds and over 1,100 new cardholders in June alone. Families are stopping by the library to fill book bags with beach reads, cool off for a moment with friends and neighbors, or pick up SSYRA books for crucial summer reading projects.

With art classes, tabletop gaming, science labs, space camp, animal encounters and storytimes, there’s never a chance for kids to utter the dreaded “I’m bored” at the library. What a fun way to beat the heat!

All kids are encouraged to stop by the library for a free **The Best Summer** reading log. As kids read, they can track their progress and earn a new reward each week. Librarians have already handed out hundreds of rewards to hard-working readers and the summer isn’t even over yet. **The Best Summer** continues through July 27 for kids, teens, and adults.

Adult readers are also turning out in impressive numbers this year. SJCPLS librarians report that over 2,000 **The Best Summer** Adult Summer Reading entries have been turned in so far.

“With more eBooks and online entry forms for teens and adults, we’ve worked hard to make **The Best Summer** enticing for the whole family. Several parents have remarked that this was the first year they gave it a try because entering was so easy and fun from anywhere,” said Virtual Services Librarian Lisa Calvert.

There’s still time to participate in summer reading -- visit your closest branch library or bookmobile to register. To learn more about all of the summer programs, activities and resources at your library, visit the library’s website [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org).

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